



WORTHING SOCIETY TIMELINE 2018 (REVERSE DATE ORDER)

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The Worthing Society is deeply concerned at the decisions by Adur District Council to approve the sizeable IKEA and New Monks Farm developments. These decisions have the potential to cause significant long term harm to the natural environment, the setting of the South Downs National Park and will severely exacerbate the horrendous traffic congestion already experienced by motorists using the A27. The impact on the Worthing section will be severe discouraging both new business investment and visitors from coming to Worthing, resulting in an adverse effect on our economy.

We fully support Tim Loughton, MP for Shoreham and East Worthing in his application to have these controversial decisions given closer scrutiny by James Brokenshire MP, Minister for Communities, Housing and Local Government. The Society has submitted a formal 'Call-in' request to the Minister registering our significant concerns. These controversial decisions increase the urgency for Highways England to produce a long-overdue acceptable proposal to upgrade the A27 'economic corridor' through Worthing whilst protecting the South Downs National Park.

Have your say on this important issue for our town - email your support and comments to:

tim.loughton.mp@parliament.uk

With 'Seasons Greetings' to all our members and Journal readers.

Susan Belton
Worthing Society Chairman

NOVEMBER 2018

STORM Clean up Event Bedford Row



Dear Members,

I went along to support STORM to carry out another 'Clean-Up' event in the Twitten behind the listed Bedford Row on Saturday 24 November. The weeds and rubbish had accumulated quite badly since the last event in August. Everyone worked extremely hard even though it was a very wet afternoon! The results were impressive and one local resident joined in with weeding. I have thanked the Reverend Ginny Cassell and her team from STORM Ministries. We hope that as part of the Worthing Society Campaign upgrade the South Street Conservation Area the Local Authority parks and Gardens Team will manage the maintenance of the historic twitten in the future. The Twitten is part of the old grid layout of Worthing and features in some of the early 19th century maps of Worthing.

Thank you again to all who took part.

Susan Belton
Worthing Society Chairman



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EAST PRESTON GETS ITS FIRST BLUE PLAQUE

East Preston is now proudly on the map of the country's blue plaques. On Nov 17th, a plaque was unveiled at Far End in Sea Lane, honouring married couple Edith Ayrton and Israel Zangwill. The unveiling this year is especially apt as both were lifelong campaigners for women's suffrage and world peace. Both successful, published authors, some of whose works may well have been written in East Preston. The play of Zangwill's novel, *The Melting Pot*, was produced on Broadway, popularising a now familiar phrase. The plaque has been installed by East Preston Parish Council and was unveiled by the Zangwills' daughter-in-law, Shirley Zangwill who was married to their younger son, Oliver. Messages of good will were received from the Zangwills' granddaughters in America, Caroline Zangwill and Patty Holland-Branch, who wrote, "Ayrton Israel, their oldest son, was our father. All of our families are appreciative of this significant honor and recognition of our grandparents' contribution to world peace. They continue to be role models to my sisters and my children and grandchildren!"



Current owners of Far End, Amy and Simon Comins, said, "We were absolutely delighted to have been approached by EP Council about the possibility of receiving the first blue plaque in the village. We are very proud of the history associated with our house and the historical significance of the early suffragette movement in our local area." Emmeline Pankhurst is believed to have stayed in the house at the height of the suffragette movement.

Shirley Zangwill added, "I thank East Preston Parish Council so much for asking me to unveil the Blue Plaque to honour Edith and Israel Zangwill. It was a fantastic occasion for me and I enjoyed every minute of it, meeting so many lovely and interesting people. Such a wonderful day, thank you once again."

Cllr Elizabeth Linton said, "The council is very pleased to be able to commemorate this wonderful couple on its first blue plaque. This brilliant couple were well known for their literary works and their active idealism for a better world. We were especially pleased to welcome their daughter-in-law Shirley to carry out the unveiling for us."



Also present at the event were Roddie MacLeod, a lifelong East Preston resident who remembers having tea with Edith Ayrton in Far End at the beginning of the Second World War; Irene Cockroft, a leading expert on British women's suffrage; members of the East Preston & Kingston Preservation Society; and members of the local Jewish community



WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2016 – 2033

The Council's Draft Local Plan has now been published and here is the link to access the document online:-

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.151142.en.pdf>

Cleaning up the Lifeboat Memorial Garden



Dear Members,

I am delighted to report that Worthing Borough Council's Tourism and Marketing Officer has organised a further clean up of the Lifeboat Memorial garden together with other Council colleagues who kindly volunteered. The local group STORM had worked on the garden in the summer but it had again become overgrown and needed an Autumn clean up.

Our Honorary Secretary Gill Tucker attended the event and expressed our sincere thanks. The results are most impressive: the trees have now been trimmed back and the Memorial Stone donated by the Worthing Society is now visible to residents and tourists from the promenade.

For an account and pictures of the event go back to our web site :-

www.worthingsociety.org.uk and select "RECENT EVENTS"

Thank you again to all who took part.

Susan Belton
Worthing Society Chairman

Remembering the Centenary of World War 1



At this time of the year it is appropriate for us in the Worthing Society to recognise the centenary of the end of World War 1 and those who fell during the conflict.

Marie Pringle, one of our members who lives in Ambrose Place, has forwarded an excellent document produced by Tom Wye with biographical details of two brothers who lived at 10 Ambrose Place and who fought and were killed in the War. We are very grateful for permission to include a link to the Document:- www.worthingsociety.org.uk/WSAR_Articles_Marie_Pringle.pdf



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The Worthing Society Committee has had a busy year! We are well on our way to achieving our priorities for 2018. Our aim is to contribute to the local community by continuing our series of Heritage Talks to local groups as well as furthering our Campaign to upgrade parts of the South Street Conservation Area. Another initiative making progress is the restoration of the beach garden at Splashpoint, home to the Lifeboat Memorial Stone

As 2018 draws to a close we remember the centenary of the end of WW1 and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. I shall be making a donation on behalf of the Society to the Poppy Appeal. We welcome the initiatives of local groups commemorating the magnificent contribution of Worthing's population. This landmark year also marks 100 years of women's suffrage and celebrates women's achievements generally. We were delighted to dedicate a Blue Plaque in honour of Worthing's courageous 'Pioneer Conservationist,' Pat Baring founder of what is now the Worthing Society, and who saved many of Worthing's historic buildings.

Hope to see you at our Christmas Meeting on 27 November at 7.30pm in the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre. Our Speaker is Mark Perry Nash on the 'Life, Works and Message of Charles Dickens.'

We warmly welcome new members of all ages. If you would like to get involved please visit:

www.worthingsociety.org.uk

Sue Belton, Worthing Society Chairman.



Jo and Frank Hutchinson's memorial plaque, on Worthing Pier

Jo Hutchinson's recent death has brought to an end a lifetime's collaboration by her and her husband Frank, with Worthing's cultural scene.

Many of our members will have known them and may even have worked with them.



The following activities stand out among their many contributions to local Arts and Culture, over a 60 year period:

- Both were Chair of The Friends of Worthing Museum & Art Gallery, at different times.
- During their tenures, they rescued the Museum's neglected garden and transformed it into a harmonious exhibition space for sculpture and art installations. They played an active role and were committed fund raisers for the provision of the museum lift.
- Jo acted and was subsequently Director of the West Sussex Players, whilst Frank took diverse leading roles in its productions. He was also an active member of the Worthing Operatic Society and a regular participant in the Worthing Music Festival, for which Jo volunteered as well, over many years.
- Jo was the Chair of the Worthing Community Arts Council and worked with the Borough Council, to stage annual artists' exhibitions.
- Both were supporters of Worthing's Twinning Association.

In February 2016, Jo's achievements in the fields of local Arts and Culture were recognised by the award of a British Empire Medal by H.M. the Queen.

This memorial plaque is a fitting tribute to the memory of these two individuals' contributions to the Town, will be commissioned from an artist with experience in the field and exhibited in perpetuity on Worthing Pier.

The following link is to the donation page.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/val-bolt-and-abe-marrache?utm_id=2&utm_term=jmBKBwjDe



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Earlier this year the Worthing Society instigated the Campaign to improve the town's conservation areas. Working in conjunction with Worthing Borough Council and the Town Centre Initiative, (TCI), we started with the South Street Conservation Area Campaign which includes Marine Place and the listed Regency terrace, Bedford Row. We are delighted with the initial progress made in upgrading the heritage buildings such as the Gospel Hall, Grade II Listed Bedford Hall and several town houses. Businesses are also being approached to improve tired commercial premises and unsightly bin storage. The Council have agreed to pruning overgrown trees in Bedford Row while volunteers from STORM Ministries worked hard removing rubbish and graffiti from the local twittens. STORM also cleared the garden around the Lifeboat Memorial Stone at Splashpoint. Highlighting the

memorial to our brave Life Boat Service is part of our Campaign and we appreciate that the TCI have agreed in principle to funding an information board for the surrounding garden. The Society is also in discussion with the Council to improve landscaping, regular maintenance and importantly secure better public access to the beach garden.

Our heritage is an irreplaceable resource which if well cared for can help bring more visitors to the town. Much still remains to be done and we will drive forward our Campaign but a great deal can be achieved when the community works together.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact www.worthingsociety.org.uk or by email to worthingsociety@yahoo.co.uk

Sue Belton

Chairman.

SEPTEMBER 2018



Plaque Unveiling

On September 27th a plaque was unveiled to commemorate the life of Pat Baring , the pioneering local conservationist who did so much to ensure that many of Worthing's outstanding buildings were saved from demolition and in so doing ensured that they remain today to contribute to our heritage.

For an account and pictures of the unveiling ceremony go to our web site www.worthingsociety.org.uk and select "RECENT EVENTS"

AUGUST 2018

VILLAGE PUMPS OF WORTHING



As part of Heritage Open Days Alex Vincent will be leading a walk entitled "Village Pumps of Worthing" to follow on from his Newsletter article. The walk will take place on Thursday 6th September and also Friday 14th of September , meeting at the old town hall site outside the Guildbourne Centre at 6.30 PM. No need to book, just turn up on the day. The walks take about 40 to 50 minutes and are free. Alex's e-mail is alexeclipsing@gmail.com and telephone number is 07753282714 after 2.30 PM weekdays.

Alex Vincent.
Worthing Society Member

WORTHING LIGHT FESTIVAL



The Worthing Society are very pleased to promote Worthing's forthcoming Light Festival which takes place between 14th and 16th September. For full details go to:

www.worthinglightfestival.co.uk

GOSPEL HALL , BEDFORD ROW



The Worthing Society Committee are delighted to see that the owner of The Gospel Hall is commencing restoration of this historic Victorian building dating from circa 1850.

We are running a campaign to improve the overall aspect of this part of the South Street Conservation Area including the importance of upgrading the heritage buildings in Bedford Row which contribute to Worthing's unique character.

Our Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Sub-committee have worked to bring about this positive outcome.



Some Pictures taken before (ABOVE) and after (BELOW) repairs



Susan Belton



PUBLISHED IN THE WORTHING SOCIETY'S COLUMN IN THE AUGUST EDITION OF THE WORTHING JOURNAL:-

The redevelopment of the former Police Station site in Union Place offers a unique opportunity to regenerate this part of Worthing town centre. Councillor Kevin Jenkins Cabinet, member for regeneration has asked local residents for suggestions to transform the area. The Worthing Society canvassed members for their views and the majority favour a mixed use development including some affordable housing for key workers plus leisure activities : possibly bowling, a world class climbing centre, ice rink and/ or indoor tennis courts.

We recognise that the plans must work commercially but would be wary of including a multiplex cinema which could have a negative impact on the Dome, Pavilion and Connaught Theatres so important to Worthing's heritage. Some space for new local businesses could be included to support the development

Worthing centre needs a vibrant community hub. The size and location of the Union Place area has the potential to deliver this unique experience for both residents and visitors to revitalise Worthing's economy. High quality design is vital as the site abuts the Chapel Road Conservation Area and the inclusion of an urban garden suggested by members would add a distinctive quality.

[Have your say – email comments to: Kevin.jenkins@worthing.gov.uk](mailto:Kevin.jenkins@worthing.gov.uk)

Susan Belton

JULY 2018

STORM Clean Up Event / South Street Conservation Area Campaign



I am pleased to let you all know that David Clark (Hon. Publicity Officer) and I will be going to the STORM Clean Up event in Bedford Row on Wednesday and Friday afternoons this week from 2pm onwards on both days. This will also include the Twitten which runs behind Bedford Row.

The event is part of the The Worthing Society Campaign to improve this part of the South Street Conservation Area. We hope to generate pride in the area. Sharon Clarke suggested we use the STORM community group who are used to this type of event and have the necessary insurances.

It has taken time to get things rolling after our initial presentation to Martin, James and Judy Fox at WBC but progress is being made and we are now ready for some publicity! David has contacted James Butler from the Herald and we hope Paul Holden will also come along.

Planning Enforcement are making progress with the heritage buildings and local businesses and we shall be presenting the quotation for the Information Boards to the TCI fairly soon. The Denton Shelter has been repainted and we hope to improve the setting of the Lifeboat Memorial Stone. WBC will be pruning the trees later in the year to lighten the aspect.

Click on "LATEST EVENTS" on the Society's Home page for more information and pictures of the Event.

Sue Belton



PUBLISHED IN THE WORTHING SOCIETY'S COLUMN IN THE JULY EDITION OF THE WORTHING JOURNAL:-

Pride in our town

My colleagues and I have become increasingly concerned about the unkempt state of some of the town's Conservation Areas and recently decided to try and do something about it.

We have started with the South Street Conservation Area, which takes in historic Bedford Row and Marine Parade, both containing important heritage buildings. However this area is spoiled by unpruned trees, a large amount of litter, a huge number of commercial bins, graffiti, uncared for Twittens and tired looking premises. I am delighted to say that in conjunction with Worthing Borough Council and the Town Centre Initiative (TCI) action is being planned to tackle these issues.

As part of this campaign we are hoping to highlight the Lifeboat Memorial Stone that sits on the beach almost opposite Coast Café. It commemorates the history of our lifeboat service but currently there is no Information Board or signage to direct people to this site. In conjunction with WBC and the TCI we hope to remedy this.

By making our town look more attractive it makes it a better place to live and hopefully will help bring more visitors to Worthing.

David Clark, The Worthing Society

MAY 2018

National Gardens Scheme



The Society is very pleased to publicise the 35th year of the opening of the Ambrose Place Back Gardens to the public on Sunday 24 June. Over that time £100,000 has been raised by Ambrose gardeners for the NGS charities. They hope to welcome many members and friends of Worthing Society and thank us for our support.

Hilary Leeves
13 Ambrose Place



APRIL 2018

Worthing Society Data Protection Policy



As you maybe aware the legal basis for holding and using personal information is now being changed by "The General Data Protection Rgulations (European Union) and the Data Protection Bill to give greater protection to personal data. This legislation is currently going through Parliament and charities are required to issue all members with a copy of their Privacy Policy.

Please go to the following link to see a copy of the Worthing Society Privacy Document for your Reference:- [Worthing Society Data Protection Policy](#)

This document confirms the details we hold which are necessary to advise members about our work, meetings and events. Our database only includes your name, address, phone number and email address. We do not hold any financial details and will not disclose any information to third parties. All the data is securely held and password protected. Members can ask for confirmation of the personal details we have recorded and can request removal from our database at anytime.

I hope this information is helpful but if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Susan Belton.
Worthing Society Chairman



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OF THE WORTHING JOURNAL:-

Blue Plaques

Blue plaques connect us to the past, they're integral to the life of our town by reminding us of those who once slept, ate and worked in our buildings.

Go to Stanford Square and you will see Jane Austen leaving her cottage, or wander down Ambrose Place and imagine Harold Pinter hard at work writing his greatest play "The Homecoming".

Plaques are expensive, particularly if very durable materials are used to withstand our coastal location. We are in touch with Worthing Borough Council about this problem to ensure the long-term protection of these plaques which highlight our heritage. Not all blue plaques were installed by us, and it is our and Worthing Borough's hope to combine all plaques into a more comprehensive trail. For now, you can access more information about the blue plaques here:

[http://www.worthingsociety.org.uk/WS Blue Plaque Trail.pdf](http://www.worthingsociety.org.uk/WS%20Blue%20Plaque%20Trail.pdf)

<http://openplaques.org/places/gb/areas/worthing/plaques>

Meanwhile, we would like to invite you to our AGM at 7pm on 24th April 2018 in the Library Lecture Theatre. Our guest speaker is Anthony Brook talking on Dr Frederick Dixon of Worthing: Geologist, Archaeologist and Benefactor to the town. And yes, we gave him a blue plaque, please visit our website to find out where: www.worthingsociety.org.uk

Jessica Gill

MARCH 2018



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Distinction In Buildings Award (DIBA)

These awards are organised by Worthing Borough Council to encourage high building standards. Recently completed nominated buildings are judged by a panel, normally led by WBC's Head of Economic Growth and including the Council's Design and Conservation Architect; 1 or 2 Councillors plus a representative from each of The Worthing Society and The Conservation Area Advisory Committee. Public nominations are also invited so this is your chance to make a nomination.

Categories of eligible nominations include recently completed residential developments or conversions; restorations; shopfronts and schemes for disabled access. The judges discuss the entries and whittle them down to a shortlist. They then tour the shortlisted entries making notes en route and subsequently re-group to discuss their opinions until they reach agreement on which nominations are worthy of an award. Representatives for each winning nomination are invited to the Town Hall for the awards ceremony. Look for the plaques (not our blue plaques!) fixed to winning entries around Worthing. For detailed information about the awards system and previous winning entries see the Worthing Borough Council website www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/distinction-in-building-awards .

Tony Malone, President

JANUARY 2018



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The Worthing Society holds four meetings a year in the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre with a wide range of speakers.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 27th of February when the South Downs Film Makers will be showing their award winning film "A Jewel in the Town". We send out two Newsletters a year and hold several social events and outings. In June we have our annual "Strawberries and Cream" Tea in Beach House and in December we have an outing to the Royal Albert Hall to see John Rutter's Christmas Celebration Concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Beach House is a Grade II* listed building , built in 1820 and designed by John Biagio Rebecca who was also the architect of St. Pauls, Chapel Road in 1812 (listed Grade II*) and Castle Goring in 1797 (listed Grade I).

Castle Goring was purchased by Lady Colin Campbell in 2014 , when it was in a very poor state of repair. Thanks to her efforts it is now being restored and she recently invited members of the Worthing Society Committee to view the property. We were very impressed with all the work she has done in order to preserve the building.



Annual membership is Single £10, Joint £15. Guests / Visitors £3. Excellent value !

At our next meeting on Feb 27th doors open at 7 pm when coffee/tea and biscuits will be served.

All details can be found on our Web Site www.worthingsociety.org.uk

Hoping to meet and greet many of you this year.

Mascha Richards

Social Secretary / Treasurer



TWO IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS FROM WSCC and ADUR & WORTHING COUNCIL(follow the links)

LATEST DRAWINGS – PUBLIC REALM PEDESTRIAN ROUTES ENHANCEMENT:-

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/10794/worthing_public_realm_oas.pdf



LISTED BUILDINGS

As many of you know those buildings or monuments regarded as important to our national heritage have been given Listed Building status by Historic England, either Grade I, Grade II* or Grade II. It is difficult these days to obtain a new listing as nearly all such buildings have listed status already. In Worthing there are 212 listed buildings.

However you may not be aware that there are around 1500 “Locally Listed” properties in Worthing on two lists held by the council. These are buildings that are important to our local heritage and have some additional protection in planning policy. Historic England regards these local lists as increasingly important. These can be found through the council planning website. The first is a simple list compiled by the planning department and the second is a supplementary Local Interest Study by Saville Jones commissioned by the council in 2002. The Worthing Society makes about 6 applications a year to add buildings to the council’s original local list. You may be unaware that your property is Locally Listed or you may know of a property that should be added. If you are interested in getting involved please get in touch.

Best Wishes for 2018.

David Clark, Publicity Officer

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