

Welcome and thank you for your continued support!

During 2016, The Wiggonholt Association has expended considerable effort responding to the submission draft of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan and its associated response to the Shoreham Harbour regeneration joint area action plan consultation. Janet will expand upon these later. We have continued to also focus on local planning matters and have kept a watching brief regarding the Pulborough and Storrington Neighbourhood plans & South Downs Network communications & activities.

The Wiggonholt Association's information updates and communication channels since the demise of the paper Newsletter, which was regularly published, can typically be found via Twitter, Facebook and the Wiggonholt website. This may not be for every member, so we have begun a newsheet, via Mail Chimp, sent to all Members or via an email attachment. Those of you not on e-mail will get a copy by post, and if in the meantime you are 'converted', please let us know.

Planning matters have included taking part in the Storrington Neighbourhood Plan and various consultations on the South Downs Local Plan, which contains policies of particular relevance to a National Park, such as dark skies and tranquillity. When both these are adopted it will be used as the major guidance for decisions in the Park, though it is already given weight in planning applications.

Many of us cruised down the Wey & Arun Canal last summer as part of our annual lunchtime excursion along the canal and then disembarked for

a picnic on a shady part of the riverbank. The boat trip will take place this year on Sunday 6th August and we hope to see you and your friends again. Do express an interest as soon as you can.

We don't always have a Christmas party, but we want to know whether you would like one this year and would volunteer to help organize it.

Please let us know.

We have recently been concerned about an installation on the A283 near Winterfields Farm, Wiggonholt. A second, larger, telecom mast has been erected over the Roman Bath House, a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Twenty years ago there was a scandal about the first one, and now it has happened again. Historic England (English Heritage) has been informed via the Wiggonholt Association, and they are investigating.

The North Stoke telephone kiosk continues its function as an information point, an interesting role in an interesting place. Please visit if you've not done so. Three years has passed since the kiosk was acquired; repaired, cleaned and painted so this year a complete re-clean and re-painting was conducted. Thank you to Dave Allen for cleaning and re-painting and Doreen Mann for looking after the kiosk, keeping it clean and well-stocked. If you are interested in helping out with this, please make yourself known. It is in a lovely part of the countryside near the footpaths to South Stoke and Burpham. We have also revised, reviewed and re-printed the information leaflets; they are on the table should you want one.

We are always looking for people to give their energy, skill and knowledge to all or any of our projects.

We are planning for later this year a Peter Flatter Memorial Lecture on a subject suited both to the Association's aims and to the interests of its former Chairman. Ideas include the environmental impact of leaving the EU, and Vienna, its contribution to European culture.