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September 2024 Members Newsletter

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Autumn Talk Announcement

***Friday 15th November 2024 @ 7.30pm
The Eyot Centre, Wargrave Road***

Freddie Van Mierlo

MP for Henley and Thame

Ticketing details in our October Newsletter

And now some more **dates for your diary** since we are beginning to plan our 2025 programme. Our 2025 **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday 27th March in the Pither Room at the Christ Church Centre. We then have a trip to the home of the World War 2 codebreakers, and the famous Enigma machine, **Bletchley Park**, on Thursday 10th April, and our popular **Picnic on the Lawn** will return to the Eyot Centre with Barry Owen's Music on Sunday 10th August. More information on these and other dates as they become available.

Some of our members have been asked to **be introduced to our Committee Members** and so below we have pictures, from left to right, of Joan Clark, Monnik Vleugels (Membership Secretary) and Nick Richardson (Secretary)– our most recent additions to Committee. More next month.



Members will be pleased to note that some two years after the **'H' graffiti** was applied to **Henley's Grade II Listed bridge**, the planning authority, Wokingham Borough Council, have

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raised no objections to its removal, nor to the other repairs listed in application 241619. We wonder how long it will be before the work begins?

Those of you wishing to keep up to date with the **activities of our new MP, Freddie Van Mierlo**, can ask to be put on the mailing list to receive his monthly news briefing. Apply to Freddie.vanmierlo.mp@parliament.uk. If you wish to know specifically about his work on the District Council members should apply to Freddie.vanmierlo@oxonlibdems.uk.

We have welcomed A & D McKibbin, Jo McConville and Richard Pinches as **new members this month**.

As we mentioned last month our beloved **Townlands Hospital** is under threat of reduced hours and services, which those in the know feel could lead to complete closure. The Henley Society has assisted the Townlands Steering Group in encouraging members and residents to send us their thoughts on Townlands and we have received well over 100 testimonials from past users of the hospital which have been put into a report and sent to the Steering Group.

We now learn from an article in the Henley Herald (link below) that the health authorities have now agreed to come to the table and will meet with the Steering Group early this month. A step in the right direction at last.

[Health Stakeholders Agree to Meeting About Future of Townlands Services - Henley Herald](#)

.....until next month

***Julian Brookes, Joan Clark, Dr Jeny Copeland,
Geoff Luckett, Sandra Moon,
Catherine Notaras, Nick Richardson, Monnik Vleugels***

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