



The Henley Society

Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley on Thames

Member's Newsletter – October 2024

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Autumn/Winter Talk

a conversation with our new MP

Freddie Van Mierlo

Friday 15th November 2024 @ 7.30pm

The Eyot Centre, Riverside, Wargrave Road, RG9 3JD

Tickets now available to Members and their guests only (until Oct 15th) at £10.00 per person. Complimentary drinks and nibbles, after.

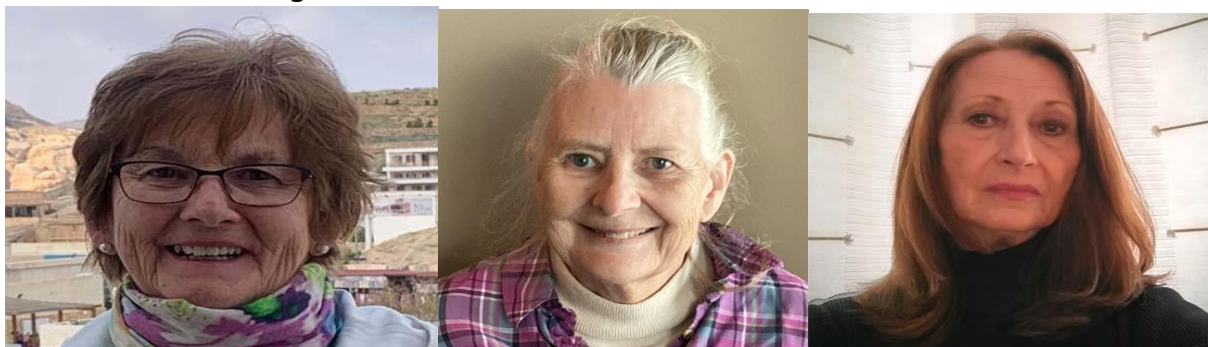
To apply please call 07860 145982 or by email to thehenleysociety@btinternet.com

We invite questions from the audience, who, if they wish, can send them, in advance, to

secretary@thehenleysociety.org

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Continuing the introduction of our Executive Committee Members



L to R = Dr Jenny Copeland, Sandra Moon (Treasurer), Catherine Notaras

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Following two recent retirements we have **vacancies on The Society Planning Committee**. The work is interesting and fulfilling and would take no more than a couple of hours every 2/3 weeks. If you are interested please contact Geoff Luckett on 07860 145982 and he will be pleased to furnish more details.

Our work in 'harvesting' well over 100 testimonials for **Townlands Hospital** has borne fruit and the authorities from the various hospital committees, including the Integrated Care Board (ICB), have now met with the Chair & Vice Chair of Townlands Steering Group. The outcome appears to be an assurance that Townlands will continue, with enhanced services. The loss of the seven step-down beds from the Chiltern is going to be difficult to reverse, it seems, but the ICB have now agreed to furnish figures to back up their decision to remove them. We have given a link to the Henley Standard report in case you missed it and the Joint Press Release, issued by the two parties, is attached.

<https://www.henleystandard.co.uk/news/council/192102/just-the-tonic-for-townlands.html>

We were pleased to be represented at the **Henley Farm & Country Show** on September 14th when we welcomed friends, existing and new, to our stand. Many interesting conversations on Henley matters were had and we were pleased to sign up 8 new members on the day. Thank you to everyone who entered our champagne draw - the winners were Mrs Carol Crowdy and Mr Jim Reay. Congratulations – and enjoy!

This month we are delighted to **welcome new members** – Jilly Carter, Peter Leers, Ben & Karen Roseff, Vivien Cornacchia, Kye & Kimberley Maddox, Janet King & Ken Rumens, Vanessa Andrews, Jim Reay, Chris Penrose, Julian & Sara Morse, Adie Elliott, Gerard Vazquez, Lynne and Nick Fontannaz

Our trial of the **Big Belly Solar Compactor bins** is coming to an end. Henley Town Council wish to continue with the trial and the next six months will be financed by Cllr Gawrysiak from his District Councillors fund.

Our **lobbying of the various local authorities continues**, and most recently our request to Henley Town Council to reinstate the badly defaced bus shelter in Greys Road, near the Top Shops, has resulted in the Council setting aside over £30,000 to repair this and other shelters. We look forward to seeing the completed project.

.....until next month

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

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