**Nomination Form**

You may nominate yourself or someone else with his or her permission, to serve on the Committee of the Horsham Society. Please return this form, or a photocopy, or a message in the same format to the Hon. Secretary, 3 Whitehorse Road, Horsham. RH12 4UL or email to secretary@horshamsociety.org.

I nominate Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms * …

1. Address ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
2. Telephone ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

As Chairman / Vice Chairman / Hon Secretary / Treasurer / Committee Member* of the Horsham Society

*Please indicate as appropriate

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**By The New Way**

New members this month, so we are delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Robinson, Highland’s Avenue, Horsham; Mr and Mrs Williams, King’s Lane, Southwater; Mrs Weller, St Leonard’s Road, Horsham; Mrs Callow, Hembrook Drive, Horsham; Mr and Mrs cottenden, Collingwood Road, Horsham; Mrs Stafford, George Pinion Court, Blant’s Way, Horsham.

**On The Brink**

The Official Guide to Horsham

Burrow’s Pocket Guides, circa 1910. So let’s remind ourselves what a good, old-fashioned shop used to look like.

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**Postmen deserve pat a on the back - but the management?**

A x offers have pointed out, our local postmen (and women) did jolly good job during the recent impossible weather, and were super-efficient in getting the letters and (worse) bills to us – when given the snowed-in conditions we might perhaps have hoped for just a little respite from the latter. Our posties are undoubtedly the acceptable face of the Post Office, a stalwart bunch and always ready for a friendly chat.

But don’t get me going on the management. I have read that the head man gets a salary of over £1 million a year, which is positively indecent – almost as bad as the odd banker. And the man can’t even get the queues sorted out in the Carfax office. He may have trained at McKinsey’s and have a fancy track record, but he certainly can’t run a shop. Anyway, his new of IT, with the promise of £15 million over the next few years.

Another thing he can’t do is organise our sorting office. This Christmas I prided myself on getting my cards out in good time (all posted on 16 December; not bad) but when do you think one arrived at Lower Beeding? 38 days later on 22 January. I reckon that’s a progress rate of about 6 days per mile. BS

**Editor’s note**

O nly to remind everyone that the AGM, with refreshments, is at 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm in the Causeway Barn on Thursday 25 March. As in previous years, this issue contains all the relevant information for the meeting, and although many of you might receive the next (April) issue before the AGM date, this is the one to bring with you. After the main business David Cooke, the school’s chief executive and his colleague, administration officer Tony Hogarth-Smith, will give us a talk on Christ’s Hospital: Past, Present and Future. It promises to be a good one, so do come along and find out all about this most interesting subject. We look forward to seeing you!

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**Horsham needs to sharpen up, and project an image and a bit of style**

So we wish Horsham could project a bit of style, a sense of true, just a touch of chutzpah. As it is there seems to be no sense of excitement behind the place, no feeling that those in charge of our affairs are out there, forging an identity and image for the town and basing it to persuade the world at large to beat a path to its door.

We badly need such an identity. All the component parts are in place: an historic centre with its much admired Causeway; a real heart to the town in the shape of the Carfax; a half decent shopping centre and an excellent and developing restaurant scene; a fine park where events can be staged; and a demographic and economic profile that puts us at the top of most UK surveys. But somehow no-one on the council seems to have the energy or inspiration to get behind things, or even understand the need to project a personality for their charge.

Towns need to be given an image – but one based, of course, on the available raw materials. The best promotion effort I have seen so far here is an absolutely dire poster at the station, feebly designed and saying, flippantly: *Time Well Spent*. That’s it. Obviously money is short at the moment and limitless budgets are not available, but it’s the effort and quality of thought that is required first, not the quantity of back-up cash.

A good many places, big and small, from Arundel to Shipley, have done an excellent job of gaining recognition through their arts festivals, and this is an obvious route for us. Those with initiative seize the opportunity – but not here in Horsham. A number of clubs such as Roy Worskett have pressed for the development of our arts scene, but little seems to have happened.

There was much talk last year of a grand meeting (which the Horsham Society was keen to take part in) to plan the development of Horsham as a ‘niche town’ (sorry about the jargon: ie one with a distinct identity – which is what this plea is all about), but again nothing happened. Can the folk at HDC responsible for marketing the town get stuck in, and produce a coherent plan which will generate enthusiasm, sharpen up our image, get visitors flocking and set the tills ringing?

The occasional Italian themed weekend, beer-ups in the Drill Hall and children’s roundabouts at Christmas are all very well in their way, but no substitute for a properly orchestrated campaign focused on a major event, the underlying purpose of which would be to strengthen the town’s prospects as we come out of the recession. Let’s get on with it.

Brian Stifffield

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**O ur concern is the past, present and future of the town**

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I think I can say that the Horsham Society has had a reasonably successful year. Our major achievements include the compilation of a list of green spaces in the town which are owned by the council and could be registered as ‘town greens’ and the preparation of a Local List of worthy buildings.

The green spaces we identified are all council property so the registration process is much simpler because they are the owners. They might be thought to be safe from development but if council officers were to lose their security if councils are forced by the government to hand over land for development. Most of these spaces are small and could not accommodate many houses, but they are valuable for the local environment and, unfortunately, the council has not accepted this proposal.

The other major project this year was our work in investigating and publishing a proposal for a Local List of buildings of merit, which ought to have special consideration if subject to planning applications. Many towns and cities have Local Lists, some extending to many hundreds or even thousands of buildings. The well known statutory listing process is usually applied to pre-Victorian buildings. We believe that there are many 19th and 20th century buildings which are worthy of special consideration. In the course of identifying these, we realised the value of some lay in their context so we are also suggesting some new Conservation Areas as well.

At last year’s AGM we were in need of a chairman. I agreed to stand in as acting chairman but only for one year. The executive committee has been unable to find a new chairman from among its number or the membership in general so we may well have a problem in the coming year – but please note the nomination form on the back of this Newsletter.

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2. Apologies for absence.
5. Chairman’s Report.
7. Election of Officers for the coming year:
   - Chairman
   - Vice Chairman
   - Honorary Secretary
   - Honorary Treasurer
   - Honorary Membership Secretary
8. Election of Committee Members for the coming year.
10. Any Other Business – notified beforehand.
11. Christ’s Hospital: Past, Present and Future
    Guest speakers: Tony Hogarth-Smith and David Cooke.
12. Closing comments from the Chairman.

Tea and coffee will be available before the AGM from 7pm.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee presents its annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009.

Cautioation

The Horsham Society is a civic trust founded in 1955 and is registered as a charity under the number 269549 with the Charity Commission. The Society is governed by its constitution dated 23 March 2006. The charity’s address is stated below.

Objects

The Society was established for the public benefit in the Horsham area. The purpose of the Society is to promote high standards of planning and architecture; educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture; and secure the preservation, promotion, development and improvement of features of historic interest in the Horsham area.

Review of the year

The committee is satisfied with the activities of the Society during the year. A full review of the Society’s activities is given in the Chairman’s Report, which is printed in the March 2010 newsletter of the Society. The financial results are set out in the accompanying statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the accounts. The committee considers the Society’s reserves to be at an appropriate level given expenditure each year, anticipated projects and for contingencies. The committee has considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and has taken steps to mitigate these risks.

Committee members

The present committee members are Mr N Friewell (chairman), Mr I Dockrey (vice chairman), Mr R Bayliss (treasurer), Mr J Steele, Mrs S Brittain, Mr R Cumming (secretary), Mr P Fletcher, Mrs P Gale (membership secretary), Mrs P Gledhill, Mr M Hall, Mr B Styfield and Mrs C Stokes.

The present committee members served throughout the year other than Mr N Friewell who was appointed at the 2009 Annual General Meeting. The committee members are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in March.

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner, Mr S D Rizchie, chartered accountant, is willing to be re-appointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the committee:

R CUMING
Hon Secretary
Horsman
3, Whitehorse Road
West Sussex
RH12 4UL

A message to late renewers

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Close
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The Horsham Society Newsletter March 2010

Notes to the Accounts
1. Accounting Policies
General
These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Standardized Presentation on “Accounting and Reporting By Charities” (Revised 2005).

Depreciation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at the following rates based on the estimated useful life of these fixed assets and their anticipated residual values:

Office equipment 33 1/3 % p.a. (straight-line basis)

Liabilities to members’ subscriptions
Liabilities to members’ subscriptions are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account over the period of 25 years from the year of receipt.

2. Committee Members’ Expenses
No expenses were reimbursed to members of the committee in the year or the previous year. No members of the committee or any person contacted with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Society’s funds.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE HORSHAM SOCIETY
I report to the committee on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Notes to the Accounts.

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee and the Examiner
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3 February 2010

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THE HORSHAM SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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THE HORSHAM SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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Depreciation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at the following rates based on the estimated useful life of these fixed assets and their anticipated residual values:

Office equipment 33 1/3 % p.a. (straight-line basis)

Life members’ subscriptions
Life members’ subscriptions are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account over the period of 25 years from the year of receipt.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ EXPENSES
No expenses were reimbursed to members of the committee in the year or the previous year. No members of the committee or any person contacted with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Society’s funds.
Chairman’s Report for 2009-10

I think I can say that the Horsham Society has had a reasonably successful year. Our major achievements include the compilation of a list of green spaces in the town which are owned by the council and could be registered as ‘town greens’ and the preparation of a Local List of worthy buildings.

The green spaces we identified are all council property so the registration process is much simpler because they are the owners. They might be thought to be safe from the government to hand over land for development. Most of these spaces are small and could not accommodate many houses, but they are valuable for the local environment. Sadly, the council has not accepted this proposal.

The other major project this year was our work in investigating and publishing a proposal for a Local List of buildings of merit, which ought to have special consideration. In the course of identifying these, we realised the value of other major projects.

We held a meeting on 24 September when about 100 members were able to meet and react. Many towns and cities have Local Lists, some extending to many hundreds or even thousands of buildings. The well-known statutory listing process is usually applied to pre-Victorian buildings. We believe that there are many 19th and 20th century buildings which are worthy of special consideration. In the course of identifying these, we realised the value of some lay in their context so we are also suggesting some new Conservation Areas as well. The project report went to council officers and councillors just before Christmas and we are awaiting their reaction. Many of the owners of the individual buildings on our Local List responded positively and we have had no negative reaction.

At the end of June the Chichester Conservation Area committee visited and we showed them the conservation areas in Horsham. This was followed, in July, by a party from the Kingston (Surrey) Society which had asked us for a tour of Horsham’s town centre.

Our Planning Sub-Committee meets monthly to discuss planning applications which might affect the town scene as well as formulating the Society’s policies regarding development. The future of the Town Hall and the financial pressures on the council were also discussed. We did not always agree with our visitors from the council but we did agree that it was a very worthwhile meeting for us all.

Andrew Booth at Horsham Music Circle

Saturday 13 March (8 pm at the Capella) sees Andrew Booth, one of the UK’s most exciting young guitarists, performing at Horsham Music Circle.

Andrew is a postgraduate student at the Royal Northern College of Music and as a soloist and chamber musician has performed throughout the country and internationally. His Horsham recital includes work by Bach, Rodrigo, Albéniz and others. For enquiries and bookings call the Horsham Music Circle on 01403 252602.

Andrew’s performance will be good enough to leave the Society a handsome bequest in her will. After much deliberation the committee decided that the most valuable memorial would be to invest the money in the publication of our Local List proposals, and this is what we have done. It is a milestone publication, a fitting tribute and will help protect the future of Horsham, and we thank the memory of Pamela Alexander for her kindness and generosity.

Letters to the Editor

Do please write in: letters for publication to Brian Styfield, Arun House, Denne Road, Horsham RH12 1JF

Minnihaha memories

E:s St Mark’s Church. ‘Minnihaha’ brought back memories of the distant past. ‘Minnihaha, laughing water...’ comes from the epic poem Hiawatha. We acted this when I was about 14 years old at Horsham High School. I was a humble Indian squaw!

PS: Aren’t the drawings of John Bray wonderful.

Molly Cramp
Cedar Close, Horsham

Superb dragon finial

Looking at your list of proposed listed properties I wonder if you know that the superb dragon finial on the ridge of 35 Queen Street was made at the Dicker potteries in East Sussex?

Better known perhaps for their black glazed things and for their building materials, the ridge tiles probably came from there too. The works at Lower Dicker (three miles west of Horsham) supplied drainage pipes, bricks, tiles and chimney pots. The works closed down in the 1950s. There is a pub called the Potter’s Arms – the only remnant left.

Sylvia Standing
Spencer’s Road, Horsham

The Compleat Housewife

Early cookery books are always a delight to read. Quaint recipes, sweet and savoury dishes all mixed up – and enormous quantities. How did they do it? How could people put away so much food at one sitting?

One such book was Eliza Smith’s The Compleat Housewife: or, Accomplish’d Gentlewoman’s Companion, the 14th edition of which (so it was clearly a runaway success) was published in 1750, claimed to be ‘a collection of upwards of six hundred of the most approved receipts in Cookery, Pastry, Confectionary, Preserving, Pickles, Cakes, Creams, Jellies, Made Wines, Cordials’. Eliza went on to describe her work: ‘With copper plates curiously engraven for the regular Disposition or Placing the various Dishes and Courses. And also Bills of Fare for every Month of the Year. To which is added, a collection of above three hundred family receipts of medicines; viz Drinks, Syrups, Salves, Ointments, and various other things of sovereign and approved Efficacy in most Distempers. Pains, Aches, Wounds, Sores &c, particularly Mrs Stephen’s Medicines for the Cure of the Stone and Gravel, and Dr Mead’s famous Receipt for the Cure of a Bite of a mad Dog, with several other excellent Receipts for the same, which have cured when the persons were disorders, and the salt water fail’d’.

So her book was much more than a cookery guide, and she wasn’t just the Delia of her day – and let’s hope Mrs Stephens had all the right answers. Anyone who has read Samuel Pepy’s Diary will know what that poor man went through earlier, when his stone was extracted. With chalk being added to bread to make it whiter, stones were the curse of the times, and his description of the operation makes me wince even now. I can’t bear to repeat the details.

I wonder how many copies of The Compleat Housewife found their way onto the shelves of our local houses? Quite a few. I’d bet. They must have been the answer to a young bride’s prayers. But with heavy use, and anxious, grasping-fingered below-stairs staff poring over them as well, checking the best ways of ‘boiling, roasting, broiling & c’, they doubtless had a short life span, and that’s why, despite these books are very scarce today. If you wanted to buy a copy of this most collectable item it would set you back around £750.

Here’s a plan for a fine table setting: ‘A Pyramid of dry’d Sweetmeats’ takes pride of place in the centre, surrounded by strawberries, jellys, cherries and ‘Cream plails’, while round the edges stand piles of wild ducks, buttered crabs, large lobsters and rabbits. And this was just the second course.

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Library display

Thanks to the good efforts of a team led by Sandie Brittain, the Society put on an attractive display in Horsham Library in late January. The venue offers a good opportunity to tell the world at large about our aims and objectives, and in this case we made a special point of promoting the recently published booklet containing our proposals for a Local List and New Conservation Areas. The opportunity was also taken to distribute to the general public free back issues of the Newsletter and membership application forms, just to spread the word.
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£7.50 per year

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Family Membership:

£25.00 per year

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$2.50 postage is added to the above rates for out-of-town members

Correspondence relating to the Newsletter and articles for submission should be sent to the Editor, Brian Styfield, Arun House, Denme Road, Horsham RH12 2TF. Other communications concerning the Society should, in the first place, go to the Hon Secretary. The Newsletter is published monthly, except for August, and appears in £, whether the Editor or contributors, are not necessarily the policy of the Society

By The New Way

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AGM

Postmen deserve pat a on the back - but the management?

A s others have pointed out, our local postmen (and women) did jolly good job during the recent impossible weather, and were super-efficient in dealing with letters and parcels to us – when given the snowed-in conditions we might perhaps have hoped for just a little respite from the latter. Our posties are undoubtedly the acceptable face of the Post Office, a stalwart bunch and always ready for a friendly chat.

But don’t get me going on the management. I have read that the head man gets a salary of over £1 million a year, which is positively indecent – almost as bad as the odd banker. And the man can’t even get the queues sorted out in the Carfax office. He may have trained at McKinsey’s and have a fancy track record, but he certainly can’t run a shop. Anyway, he’s new off to IT, with the promise of £15 million over the next few years.

Another thing he can’t do is organise our sorting office. This Christmas I prided myself on getting my cards out in good time (all posted on 16 December; not bad) but when do you think one arrived at Lower Beeding? 38 days later on 22 January. I reckon that’s a progress rate of about 6 days per mile.

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Editor’s note

Necessary the AGM issue contains quite a bit of important, but perhaps not totally alluring, material. Our financial affairs, for example - watched over most ably by Roy Bayliss - are in pretty good shape and need to be reported on, but screened ranks of facts and figures don’t exactly set the pulse racing. So in order to lighten the tone a little, I tend to sprinkle around a few man can’t even get the queues sorted out in the Carfax office. He may have trained at McKinsey’s and have a fancy track record, but he certainly can’t run a shop. Anyway, he’s new off to IT, with the promise of £15 million over the next few years.

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