



# HASTINGS WINKLE CLUB

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

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### President's Welcome

I began last Spring's Newsletter with the words 'there is some long-awaited light at the end of the tunnel.' For certain, the last two years have taken their toll on us all BUT THE WINKLE CLUB SURVIVES in this its 123<sup>rd</sup> Year.

Your Club is now truly optimistic that things can really look 'more normal' and please see the DATES FOR YOUR DIARY which details the Club's plans for 2022. There really is 'light at the end' of that 'tunnel !!!' AND .....THE WINKLE CLUB THINKS POSITIVE – SPRING HAS SPRUNG – ONWARD & UPWARD – PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ( DETAILS BELOW ) and help your Club to make its usual comprehensive range of those much needed and appreciated donations – Thank You.

My Best Wishes to you all!

WINKLE UP !

Richard Stevens, President.

### From Platinum to Centenarian



Honorary Member and the Club's former 'Flag-master' George Greaves R.N. celebrated his 100th Birthday on February 15<sup>th</sup>. A good crowd assembled on Winkle Island recognising this remarkable achievement. We all sang Happy Birthday and then a suitable selection of gifts were presented to George and his wife Ann. The weather was reasonably kind and a 'tot of rum' was on hand for anyone who needed an excuse to keep out the cold ! Our hearty congratulations to Centenarian Winkler George !!!

### A TIME TO REMEMBER

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December the Winkle Club held their "A time to remember event" when those members and local fishermen who are no longer with us are remembered. A short procession from the Cyril and Lilian Bishop lifeboat to Winkle Island was led by Jon Bartholomew with his bagpipes. Wreaths were laid and those gathered enjoyed carol singing led by the



Jingle Belles lady singers. This was followed with hot soup with a roll which was very welcome.

### Children's Joy at Christmas Party



The traditional Winkle Club Children's Christmas party was a great success. Children aged four to eight took part in a procession from Winkle Island through the fishmarket to the Angling Club on the Stade led by Section 5 Drummers and then enjoyed food and entertainment during the afternoon as well as receiving a gift from Father Christmas. A good time was had by all.

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## Plant a Tree for the Jubilee



Everyone across the U.K. is being invited to plant a tree for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee to show not only our respect for our Monarch but as part of a contribution towards combating climate change.

The Winkle Club will be marking this occasion by planting a tree in Alexandra Park and possibly a second one in the grounds of Old Hastings House ( Our thanks are due to the indefatigable Bill Wicking and to the Council ) We aim to have a dedication ceremony details of which you will be notified.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATIONS

**Please don't forget 2022 Membership Fees due on 1 January 2022 (includes Annual Supper)**

Payments can now be made by BACS: Sort Code 30:97:66 Acc.No.:01136321

Please leave your Name as reference so we can allocate the payment to your membership.

Cheques made payable to 'Hastings Winkle Club' Please send to: Hastings Winkle Club, C/O E.H.S.A.A. The Stade, Hastings. TN34 3FJ

Name .....

Membership Renewal 2022 £20      £20

Donation PLEASE      £.....

**Total enclosed**      £.....

Could you please confirm your contact details so we can keep our records up to date, please detail them below.

Address .....

Email .....

Telephone .....



**Sunday 3rd April – Winkle Club A.G.M.** 09.30 for 10.00am start at our HQ — **EHSAA, The Stade.** - All members are welcome upstairs ( or by lift ) in the East Hastings Sea Angling Association. Come and hear our plans for this 'Club Year' and support us during the A.G.M's formalities

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May — Club Supper** - 7.30pm **EHSAA, The Stade**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June — Donations Evening — 6.00pm**  
**EHSAA, The Stade**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Music festival at the Stade.** Full details in due course, helpers will be needed.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR WINKLE CLUB  
THROUGHOUT SURELY A MORE NORMAL YEAR!**

**WINKLE UP !**

## Winkle Club, Wishing Well Rock-a-Nore Road:

Plans are in hand to repaint and generally smarten up this Club fundraiser which continues to provide a useful source of income for us. The original start date for this voluntary work had to be postponed as it coincided with STORM EUNICE. Now the Club's 'wish' is to be able to arrange a suitable alternative for the planned refresh.



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