



# NEWSLETTER

## September 2018

Dear members,

As we approach our first anniversary since launch, our achievements seem incredible (as documented on our website - do take a look to keep up to date). As a membership-led organisation, membership is growing nicely, and we are fortunate in having a particularly professional team on committee, so we are in good hands, although overworked and always on the lookout for anyone who can assist, albeit at a modest level.

The awarding of the Town Crest by Charter Trustees in May was a big vote of confidence by Councillors. The successful West Station Clock re-start was well attended and has been a worthy high-profile project led by our projects coordinator Simon Allen, with the Youth Centre clock re-start imminent. Our town clocks do breathe life into our buildings when they work! The East Parade shelters conservation project is moving in the right direction now with a Heritage Lottery Fund bid applied for by RDC, and the Local List working group is making good progress too.

Altogether a very positive few months, and not to forget thanks to our members for your support too.

Raymond Konyn  
Chairman



*Bexhill Heritage working on the Bexhill Youth & Community Centre clock*

Bexhill Youth and Community Centre's Director, Paul White got in touch with Simon Allen, Bexhill Heritage's project coordinator earlier this year after being quoted unreachable sums for replacing the simple mechanism. Simon saw an opportunity to repair the mechanism and renovate the clock face at reasonable cost. The Bexhill Heritage team were on site just a week after the preliminary assessment.

Now the iconic clock is up and running again – as clean and bright as when it was first proudly installed in 1965.



The clock is a memorial to Richard J. Toleman MBE, the Borough Medical Officer from 1948 to his death in February 1964. A distinctive and popular figure, Toleman worked tirelessly in both a professional and voluntary manner – holding positions of Rear-Commodore for the Sailing Club, Master of the Hardian Lodge of Freemasons, and President of the

Rotary Club to name a few.

Town Mayor, Councillor Abdul Azad, is to officially re-start the clock this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

## Architecture Spotlight



Modernist building by architect Percy J. Bartlett, circa 1930. Bartlett employed many styles during his career designing commercial properties for Boots the Chemist in England, often fitting to the local environment.

## Quiz Night and Buffet

On the Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm, Bexhill Heritage is hosting a fun and educational night of games, prizes, food and music at Station House, Terminus Road.

Tickets are available now for £10. Use the attached form or visit our website to book your place.

## Keep in contact

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If you like what we are doing then please encourage your friends to join with us and strengthen our society.

Are you interested in being actively involved in the charity? Attend our members meetings at Friends Meeting House, 15A Albert Road starting at 7pm of the following dates:

 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## East Parade Shelters: Promotion of the De La Warr Promenade Heritage

Bexhill Heritage was asked by RDC to provide a letter of support for the Heritage Lottery Fund application for the conservation of the four East Parade shelters. Following a subsequent meeting with RDC officers, the proposal was found to be excellent in all aspects, and to our surprise included a heritage hub in the furthestmost West (bandstand) shelter which we have offered to staff on a voluntary basis.

Our letter of support can be found here:

<https://bexhillheritage.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/planning/HLF-EP.pdf>

## Bexhill Boundary Stones

After the incorporation of Bexhill Borough, it was decided in 1909 that a set of 63 large stones should be placed along the 12 mile perimeter of Bexhill. Starting from Normans Bay, up through Lunsford's Cross, along to Watermill Lane, down through Combe Valley, finishing at Glyne Gap.

Made of Cornish granite, at a cost of 15 shillings each (about £3,700 in total today), these were all sequentially numbered and prefixed with BB.

A number of these stones have disappeared over the years, either through boundary adjustments, development, bank erosion or general neglect. In a recent survey only 30 of these stones have been found - one being at Hastings Museum.

You can find a map of all the known boundary stone locations here:

<http://bexhill-osm.org.uk/?T=tour&U=14&G=boundary#13/50.8378/0.4507>



BB42 located within Combe Valley Countryside Park