

# Twineham News

Twineham Parish Council

## Hickstead & the A2300

We have long been concerned about the impact on our parish of the new, large-scale developments in Burgess Hill which include the upgrading of the A2300...

A large number of residents attended the recent consultations on the proposals for the dualling of the A2300 east of Hickstead. We had hoped to see proposals for improvements in road safety but were disappointed by the plans on display. Given the very tight timeframe for response, your Parish Council decided that professional advice was needed to produce an informed, technical response to these proposals. We are very pleased that Keith Firth of Norman Rourke Pryme took up the challenge and has produced, to our thinking, an excellent report highlighting several major issues with the scheme. To give you a flavour of the report, here are the key points that have been raised:

### OVERALL SCHEME DESIGN

- There is insufficient consultation information to demonstrate that normal priority controlled roundabout junctions will provide sufficient traffic capacity to accommodate expected levels of traffic growth. There are several reasons why traffic signal control might be required at some or all roundabout junctions, and so the junction design could be inappropriate.

## ***WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November 2018***

By kind arrangement of Charles & Miranda Worsley, a beacon will be lit at Hookers Farm at 7pm on Sunday, 11th November. The gates will open from 6pm with a cash bar set up by the Royal Oak. At 6.50 pm there will be a 'Reading of the Tribute to the Millions', the Last Post will sound at 6.55 pm with the lighting of the beacon at 7pm. Twineham Church bells will be rung at 7.05 pm. A donation to the Beacon charities of £10 on the gate will include a sausage roll and one drink.



### Parish Social

On a rather damp September Sunday a surprising number of people turned out to the Parish Council Get Together. This was a lovely occasion (which finished nearer 4 pm than 2 pm!) and we have had a number of requests to do it again! We should like to thank everybody who contributed to it in some way - The Headmaster of the School for allowing us to use his hall and his caretaker for being so attentive; everyone who brought food and drink; Nick Blacoe and Fanny Jones who helped to organise it; and Alan and Janet Knight for the use of their barbecue.

- The shared use cycle way scheme proposals are considered inadequate and could be improved.
- The proposed dual carriageway scheme will sever a north-south walking, cycling and equestrian route without providing a suitable, safe and convenient alternative.
- The proposed 70mph speed limit is considered inappropriate in terms of safety and junction design, and should be reduced. It is recommended that main line speed limit does not exceed 50mph, with consideration of 30mph zones through the roundabouts.

## ROAD SAFETY

There is insufficient consultation information to demonstrate that the proposals offer the safest solution to all road users, and there is legitimate concern that elements of the scheme increase risk to road users.

## ROAD NETWORK OPERATION AND PERFORMANCE

There is a legitimate concern that the scheme proposals could cause significant and unacceptable traffic congestion and delay, resulting in poor air quality, exacerbated safety problems and rat-running on unsuitable roads.



## RAMPION

Recently Rampion invited those affected in some way by the Rampion Off Shore Wind Farm construction to take a Transmanche Ferry from Newhaven to see the wind turbines close up in the English Channel between 13 and 20 kilometres off the Sussex coast. Three members of Twineham Parish Council joined a large number of other people on the ferry on 1st October, which turned out to be an absolutely beautiful day. The sun shone and the sea sparkled, all in all a very interesting day. The 116 wind turbines are an amazing feat of engineering - the wind farm comprises 116 wind turbines with a capacity of 400 megawatts which is enough to power around 350,000 homes a year - almost half the homes in Sussex!

Unfortunately this doesn't detract from the fact that residents close to the sub station construction are still enduring a lot of inconvenience. Rampion is anxious to complete their works before the end of the year and so keep applying for, and being granted by West Sussex County Council, permission to work at weekends. Despite their assurances that the works will be quiet, this is not the case and there have been some very noisy Sundays. The sub station works still require the removal of the access road