



The Hop Pickers Line Heritage Group

Horsmonden Parish Council
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To the attention of Mrs. Lucy Noakes, Clerk to the Council

**Hop Pickers Line Heritage Group (HPLHG) – Peter Bird
5th Annual General Meeting, with presentations
Tuesday, 16 June, 2026, Paddock Wood Community Centre, 2-4 pm**

For the above Annual General Meeting, Peter Bird has confirmed that he will be standing for re-election to HPLHG, and as joint Vice Chair.

As you know, Peter has represented the interests of Horsmonden and the Parish Council through the Horsmonden Nostalgia Group since joining HPLHG in 2019, on the understanding that communication and relevant updates be established and maintained between the two organisations.

Peter has continued to carry out his role thoroughly and with considerable expertise, at the same time undertaking the Facebook activity for the Group, which is very much valued. This is a hands-on role, with all HPLHG members playing an active part, at the same time remaining vigilant with regard to any planning policies or proposals which may affect their community within the vicinity of the line.

We hope that Horsmonden Parish Council will support Peter Bird's standing for re-election to HPLHG on 16 June, 2026, and will also continue to support him in this role, as defined between us in 2019, with particular emphasis now on the delivery of an interpretation project for The Paddocks (Bassetts Farm), funded by s106 monies.

With my thanks in advance, I shall look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Yolanda Laybourne

Yolanda Laybourne, Chair – Hop Pickers Line Heritage Group (Chair)

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