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Arundel Public Meeting with Parliamentary Candidates "Countryside or Concrete?"

Monday 27 April 7.30pm

This meeting is being run by Arundel SCATE and CPRE at St Nicholas Church in Arundel next Monday 27 April at 7.30pm. It is an opportunity for our local Parliamentary Candidates to hear local views on **all** countryside, conservation and development issues and for us to hear the Party responses to our concerns – please see the attached flier and poster for details.

If you have a question that you would like to submit to the candidates, please hand it in with your name when you arrive. They will be sorted into issues and the Chair will read out the selected questions. The audience will have the opportunity to follow up on the candidate's response.

The candidates include representatives from Labour (Chris Wellbelove), UKIP (Peter Grace), Green (Isobel Thurston) and the Liberal Democrats; Conservative representative also invited.

This is an ideal opportunity for us to express our concerns on local environmental, transport and development matters and to hear the political Parties' stance on these issues.

Launch of the new ABNC Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of the new ABNC website :

www.arundelbypass.co.uk. Please note that the old web address (www.arundelneighbourhood.com) will take you to the new website. We hope that the new site will be much easier to navigate – please encourage your friends and family to visit the new site. The new ABNC e-address is info@arundelbypass.co.uk (though the old one still works).

For those with Twitter and Facebook accounts, please help to promote public awareness and feedback on the Bypass by tweeting and posting about www.arundelbypass.co.uk and the issues and information reported there. The new website has social media icons on the left side, just click on them to share a particular page or site on your timeline or twitterfeed etc.

Ecological Surveys - AVES Update

This group, renamed MAVES (Mid Arun Valley Ecological Surveys,) is an independent group focussed on ecological study rather than a campaigning group like ourselves, but ABNC supports this initiative as we believe more and better ecological evidence in our area will help ABNC to 'protect the countryside around Arundel'.

MAVES is delighted to announce the appointment of an ecological consultant to head up the surveys in this area. Jackie Thompson of Wildlife Splash Ltd, has been in contact with some of the landowners, completed a walkabout of the survey areas and is in discussion with universities to discuss field surveys as part of their Environmental Sciences/Ecology courses. She has also started to contact specialists in waterways eg for amphibians, lichens, mosses etc to start these surveys as soon as possible.

We understand that MAVES may be looking for donations and for some volunteer help (see Survey Volunteering tab on www.maves.org.uk). If interested, please contact MAVES via their website. We very much look forward to reporting on the new group's progress and findings in our future e-newsletters.

Thank you for your continuing support of ABNC.