

Open all hours...at last The Tollbridge lives again

What an achievement and what a day it was to walk across the Old Shoreham Tollbridge on August 18th and see it once more in all its glory.

And in no time at all, walkers, some with their dogs, joggers, cyclists and brief case carrying men and women were to be seen using the bridge in ever increasing numbers.

It really has been restored beautifully and full marks to local contractor Mackleys for not only doing a superb job but finishing it two weeks ahead of schedule. There will be an official opening on 23rd October by a Very, Very Important Person. Watch this space.

Sadly, time and weather had taken its toll and West Sussex County Council was faced with a bill of £500,000 or lose it to the river. The Old Shoreham Community Trust was set up in 2001 to help raise the

money in partnership with the County Council. But the cost had risen by £175,000. To avoid any further increase in costs and allow the work to start in March, the Trust agreed to raise the extra. The County Council underwrote the Trust for the remainder to be repaid in four years.

The Trust is therefore appealing to everyone, businesses and residents to help pay off the debt. The Trust has managed already to obtain a grant from landfill company Virador for £50,000.

The next fundraiser is a unique event, Murder Most Foul in Lancing College, a murder mystery evening of fun, to be held on Saturday, 18th October.

Charlotte and doggy friend



A Christmas Fayre will be held in the Marlipins Museum on Saturday, December 6th.

We are appealing to young and old to keep an eye on the bridge. It has cost a lot of money and effort to save it – please take care of it.

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