

FAIRLIGHT PRESERVATION TRUST - SPRING QUIZ

First the bad news. As we feared and as many residents may have seen, the heavy rains of the winter have inevitably led to further cliff falls in the area of Fairlight Cove, particularly on parts of the National Trust land and along the headland leading to Pett Level. The falls have brought down considerable quantities of heavy rock which now line the back of the beach. Residents are reminded not to walk too close to the base of the cliffs as there are a number of overhangs and there could be further falls before the land dries out for the summer.

Now some fun for the Spring. Below we set out a Quiz raising some questions to test your knowledge of the problems of the Fairlight cliffs and the work that has been carried out on your behalf by the Fairlight Preservation Trust to secure their defence and protection. Have a go and see how many of these questions you can answer. The Answers are set out on the next page of this magazine.

Questions

Q1. The Fairlight Preservation Trust (the FPT) is a charity which was established to preserve and protect the village by procuring the provision of coastal defences to protect Fairlight Cove and the surrounding areas from coastal erosion and/or landslip. Which government organisation is actually legally responsible for doing this job as our Coast Protection Authority?

- A1. East Sussex County Council
- B1. The European Commission
- C1. The Mayor of London
- D1. Rother District Council

Q2. There have been three coast protection schemes incorporating berms built at the base of the cliffs in Fairlight Cove. When was the first berm – which runs the length of Sea Road – constructed?

- A2. 1930
- B2. 1975
- C2. 1990
- D2. 2005

Q3. The first berm along Sea Road was built using granite rocks brought in by barges from Scandinavia. The rocks were deposited on the beach and then put in place on the foreshore using large diggers. This work was often done at night under arc lamps to enable the work to be done effectively and within the time and tidal constraints. How much did it cost to build the first berm?

- A3. £750,000
- B3. £1,500,000
- C3. £2,500,000
- D3. £5,000,000

Q4. The second coast protection scheme at Rockmead Road includes a toe cap berm, a series of wells and a Compressor House which operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week, pumping water from the ground. These wells run most of the length of Rockmead Road. How many wells are located there to extract the water?

- A4. 12
- B4. 20
- C4. 33
- D4. 56

Q5. Approximately how much water was extracted by the Rockmead wells and the Compressor House last year - 2020?

- A5. 50,000 gallons
- B5. 300,000 gallons
- C5. 900,000 gallons
- D5. 1,200,000 gallons

Q6. When was the second berm along Rockmead Road built?

- A6. 1998
- B6. 2004
- C6. 2007
- D6. 2014

Q7. What was the approximate cost of construction of the Rockmead Road protection scheme?

- A7. £1,750,000
- B7. £3,700,000
- C7. £5,250,000
- D7. £9,000,000

Q8. The funding constraints on the building of the Rockmead Road protection scheme meant that it could not be built with sufficient length to connect with the end of the first (Sea Road) berm. The effect of this gap between the two berms meant that within a relatively short time the force of the sea in the area at the foot of Cliff Way was causing considerable further erosion and danger to homes in the Cove. However, with the help of expert engineering consultants and financial contributions from the members of the FPT and Fairlight Parish Council amounting to £150,000, the FPT managed to persuade the Environment Agency to authorise the construction of the Third Stage berm, connecting the Sea Road berm and the Rockmead Road berm - thereby filling the gap. When was the Third Stage berm constructed?

A8. 2009

B8. 2012

C8. 2016

D8. 2018

Q9. Approximately how many houses in Fairlight were estimated by the engineers as being at risk of destruction by coastal erosion and landslip over the next 100 years without the berms being built?

A9. 25- 30

B9. 50-60

C9. 120-130

D9. 180-200

Q10. What is the cost per person of membership of the Fairlight Preservation Trust for 3 years?

A10. £10

B10. £15

C10. £20

D10. £25

Now check your answers – especially the answer to Question 10!

If you are a member of the FPT, we thank you for your support.

If not, please take this opportunity to join us.

The FPT always welcomes new members, especially from residents who are new to the village. To join up please contact our Membership Secretary, Jill Lewing at jill.lewing@btinternet.com.

Dr Ruth Kosmin, Secretary

[Note to the Editor- on the next page of the magazine, please]

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Q1. D1 Rother District Council

Q2. C2 1990

Q3. C3 £2,500,000

Q4. D4 56 wells

Q5. C5 900,000 gallons

Q6. C6 2007

Q7. B7 £3,700,000

Q8. C8 2016

Q9. D9 180-200

Q10. A10 - only £10 – about 1p per day !!