

The Amberley Society

The aim of the Society, is the conservation and improvement of the amenities, character and interests of Amberley and its surroundings

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**35th Annual General Meeting
Friday, 24th February, 2012 at 7.30pm
St Michael's Church Hall, Amberley**



Followed by Talk, Discussion and a Question and Answer session with

The Environment Agency Flood Management in the Arun Valley

**LTRAS
Lower Tidal River Arun Strategy**

AGM

Doors will open just before 7pm and we ask members to arrive in good time, particularly if subscriptions are to be paid. As members assemble and take their seats there will be a rolling slide show of paintings and works of art from last summer's exhibition of Amberley Art. The collection includes many historical works by artists such as Edward Stott, Jose Weiss, Arthur Winter-Shaw, Fred Stratton, and Ista Brouncker, together with contemporary work by Jane Arkwright and Elizabeth Butler.

The formal part of the meeting is scheduled from 7.30pm - 8pm and all documents will be sent prior to the meeting. Please read them beforehand and bring them with you if required. If anyone should wish to go through the accounts or has any questions, please let me know in advance to save time.

Then follows '**Flood Management in the Arun Valley**' with talks by the Environment Agency (EA) and others on this important local topic. The EA is about to publish its LTRAS—Lower Tidal River Arun Strategy document. River and water level management has long been a contentious subject and was the very reason the Amberley Society was founded back in the late 1970s. Come and hear how our local environment might change, what the key issues are, DEFRA funding, and of the progress the EA is making with its new strategy. Are you concerned about how flooding might affect property, agriculture, wildlife, businesses, roads, paths and infrastructure? If so, please come armed with questions to ask the EA so that we may all benefit from the discussion. This is a rare opportunity to question agency representatives.

Please encourage any friends and neighbours to join us. For non-members there will be a nominal entrance charge of £3.

The Black Horse

The pub has been sold and its future is as yet unknown. One concern is for the rare collection of sheep bells that adorn the bar ceilings to remain in the village. If you know anything of their history please let me know.

Grahame Joseph—Chairman

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