

VICTORIAN CELEBRATION DINNER

at the Half Moon in Sheet on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.00 for 7.30pm

Monday 1st November 2021 is a very special day in the history of Sheet as it is exactly 150 years since tolls ceased having to be paid when animals or wheeled vehicles passed over Sheet Bridge.

The Sheet Bridge to Portsmouth Toll Trust was set up in 1711 to improve the roads between Sheet and Portsmouth. It was only the second Toll Trust Road in Britain, the first being the Great North Road.

In their 160 years in existence the Toll Trust greatly improved the state of the road, with major engineering works on Butser Hill and on Ramshill in Petersfield, both of which had been impassible to large wheeled vehicles over the winter months. The tolls did not change over the 160 years, though extra tolls were charged for extremely heavy vehicles once weighbridges had been introduced at each toll house.

The **Victorian Celebration Dinner** will be as a dinner would have been in 1871, so some form of Victorian Dress, however simple, would be appreciated.

At the end of the meal there will be the loyal toast to the Queen (Queen Victoria) followed by speeches from Mr Geary, the aged but hale present surveyor of the road, who will relate how the Toll Trust road was started and some of the happenings along the road since 1711, and from Old Mr Moore, one of the family who write and print the 'Old Moore's Almanac' who will predict what will happen to us all in the next 150 years.

There will also be a Victorian Raffle, with some amazing prizes.

To take part in this memorable event please make your menu choices for yourself and your guests and return your choices plus remittance (£32 a head) to VAUGHAN CLARKE at

26 Pulens Lane, Sheet Petersfield, Hants GU31 4DB

no later than 20th October 2021

Please support this very special event