



Sovereign Harbour Residents Association

Annual General Meeting

for members only

at the

Haven School, Atlantic Drive

Thursday, 3rd May 2012

Starting at 7:30 pm

Doors open 7:00 pm

Vacancies exist for new committee members

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SHRA,

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Important Changes to SHRA Membership

When setting the association's membership fee at £10 per year, the SHRA committee was mindful of its commitment to communicate with all harbour residents, whether members or not, through a website and newsletter.

At that time, £10 per year seemed a reasonable membership fee, but in the event, the success of Waterlines, and its ability to attract paid sponsorship, has resulted in a very healthy surplus in the bank.

Faced with the prospect of an ever expanding bank balance, with few outgoing expenses, the committee decided that changes were necessary, and concluded that the membership fee should be set at a one-off payment of £10 per household for life membership.

Further, it was decided that all members current at 18th February 2012 would have their membership automatically upgraded to life membership without charge. Instead of an expiry date, membership cards will be marked "Life Member".

It was also decided that membership should be on an individual basis so, wherever possible, individual membership cards will be issued for all residents, over the age of 18, living at the same address.

As with any change of this nature, it is inevitable that some members will miss the cut-off by a few days or weeks. If you find yourself in this situation, we hope

you will accept that it was unavoidable. If, however, you feel this is unacceptable, please contact us and we will consider a refund of your contribution.

The SHRA is also fostering closer ties with the Harbour Community Association (HCA), so all SHRA members will automatically be given HCA membership (which is free), unless they specifically opt out. HCA membership cards will be enclosed with SHRA membership cards.

Revised membership application forms have been designed and you can find them on this leaflet, in future issues of Waterlines, and on the SHRA website www.shra.co.uk/join.html

Existing members should by now have received their new membership cards. If you believe you should have been eligible for life membership and have not received your new card, please contact us.

Those requiring additional cards for others resident at the same address should complete the form, filling in only the address and additional membership card fields (no payment required).

We hope that our existing members will see the benefit of these changes, and those of you who have not yet joined us will take this excellent opportunity to help us increase our collective voice on the harbour.

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Supplementary Planning Document for Harbour

Sovereign Harbour has moved a significant step closer to seeing the delivery of the community facilities it currently lacks.

In a series of workshops led by Stephen Lloyd MP, the Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, David Tutt, Opposition Leader, David Elkin, together with the ward councillors and Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), a plan for the future of each of the remaining development sites has been prepared. Once the Draft Plan has been considered by the council's cabinet committee, local residents will be asked for their views.

The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Sovereign Harbour provides guidance on the uses considered to be appropriate for each of the development sites, including details of the size, scale and form of development and the specific community benefits to be delivered.

Stephen Lloyd MP said: *"A great many people have worked tirelessly to get to this point. I'm deeply grateful for their dedication and commitment to achieving the best possible result for Sovereign Harbour and all the people who live there. I am particularly indebted to the SHRA executive who have been so supportive of the vision we all share for the harbour."*

Sovereign Harbour currently lacks a dedicated community centre and the SPD acknowledges that this needs to

be delivered before there is any further housing development.

Councillor David Tutt, Leader of the Council, said: *"The plans that have been created by the working group will lead to invaluable new community facilities and all round enhancements to the quality of life for residents of Sovereign Harbour."*

Other issues that the SPD will address include the lack of open space and children's play areas, the provision of additional retail, leisure and employment uses, accessibility across the neighbourhood via a range of transport methods and the operational needs of the fishermen and boats.

Councillor David Elkin, Leader of the Opposition, said: *"I am pleased that we are now finally making genuinely positive progress on the plans."*

In order to deliver the community benefits that the neighbourhood needs, it is acknowledged that some additional housing will be provided. However, this would be a maximum of 150 dwellings and the majority of these would be houses rather than flats.

Rick Runalls, Chairman of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association, said: *"This process has demonstrated the benefits that cross-party working can deliver for the community, and has provided a framework for the future relationship between the SHRA and the Borough Council."*

The next stage is for the draft document to go before Cabinet, which is planned for 18th April with consultation on the draft SPD is planned to take place between May and July this year.

Further information relating to the document and the consultation arrangements are available on the Eastbourne Borough Council website:

www.eastbourne.gov.uk

and on the SHRA website:

www.shra.co.uk

Harbour Friends Update

(by Elaine de Biracli Levy)

Harbour Friends meet at the Yacht Club every Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm.

Not everything has increased in price. In fact Annual Membership fees for Harbour Friends have actually reduced to £14 per annum. Quite a bargain - only 27 pence per week for the chance to have drinks with friends in the lovely setting of the Yacht Club bar overlooking the North Harbour.

Harbour Friends is a social group, which meets every week with the purpose of ensuring the residents of the Harbour have an opportunity to meet and build a community spirit which is so vital to the existence of the Harbour.

At the recent AGM, Ian Newsom stepped down due to other commitments and a new Treasurer was voted in. Many thanks to Ian for all his hard work and a welcome to Jim Powell.

Plans are afoot for a spring and summer of good fun and some event dates have now been booked.

Events planned for the future:

4th April -Easter Beetle Drive

18th April - Nostalgia Quiz. How good is your memory? Music, photos, Fashion etc. Prepare for laughter.

2nd May - Alison's Carnival Quiz. The

proceeds from this quiz will be donated to the Carnival Float Fund.

Other events in the planning stages:

Call my Bluff

Who wouldn't want to be a Millionaire?

A day , with Sunday lunch at Brighton Dog Racing Track

Ten Pin Bowling

Christmas meal at the Langham Hotel. With music, dancing and Casino.

For further details please telephone Brenda 01323 470114 or Gilly 01323 470366.

The Haven Church Update

(by Sue Mottershead)

The Haven Church is 10 Years Old

We thank God for his goodness in bringing us to this milestone. Although the Haven Church has been meeting as a congregation for ten years, the vision for a church to serve the Sovereign Harbour area goes back much further.

Early plans for the Sovereign Harbour development included no provision for a church. As a result a number of Christians in surrounding areas, from several different church denominations and backgrounds joined together in a prayer meeting for the proposed new build and community.

Out of these meetings arose a vision, not just of a church but also a school for Sovereign Harbour. And towards the end of the 1990s God provided an answer to these prayers with the initiation of plans for a church primary school with a congregation meeting in it on a site in the Harbour area.

In October 2001 the Anglican Bishop of Lewes and Hastings, and the Methodist District Chairman, met to sign the constitution of The Haven Church, a "Local Ecumenical Partnership" reflecting the cross-denominational nature of the prayer meeting the vision emerged from.

With the school building still incomplete,

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our first service was held on February 10th 2002. We seek to know Jesus better ourselves and to make him known more widely. We are planning to hold a special celebration this summer celebrating our tenth Anniversary, and looking forward to what the future holds.

On any given Sunday you will find a mixed group of Christians and not-yet-Christians from many walks of life and a variety of backgrounds. Come along, grab a tea or coffee and join with us!

We meet every Sunday at 10:00am at the Haven School, Atlantic Drive. Our services are open to all. We have a supervised crèche and a dedicated programme for preschool and primary-aged children.

We have a relaxed and informal style with a joined Church of England and Methodist heritage.

We have other week-day activities for families and also for exploring the Christian faith.

We love to welcome visitors!

Minister: Revd. John Brook

For more information or to get in touch:

www.thehavenchurch.org.uk

Tel: 01323 325989

john@thehavenchurch.org.uk



Patients' Participation Group

The Harbour Medical Practice has initiated a "Patient Participation Group" (PPG), which will meet monthly; discussions will be kept generalised; any personal issues will only be discussed outside of the meetings.

The objective of the PPG is to confirm that its patients are involved in decisions about the range and quality of the services provided. To that end, a survey has been conducted, the results of which are currently being evaluated.

The results of the survey were shared with the PPG at its March meeting, and the members' comments taken to the March Practice Meeting. Initial indications are very positive, with very high satisfaction levels, especially with the medical staff.

The outcomes and views from the group will be published on the practice website, and in a newsletter, which is currently under development; the survey will be the subject of the first issue.

The group currently has five members, but it is hoped that more can be recruited. The importance of all age groups being represented was seen to be very important, and the PPG members agreed that, should it be necessary, meetings could be moved to evenings, to accommodate the needs of working members.

If you would like to join the group, please e-mail jane.gray3@nhs.net.

Harbour WI (by Judy Latter)

A trip to London on the 21st January to visit the V&A Museum and Harrods was a great success for the Ladies from the Harbour W.I. Several of them met up at "Frankie's Restaurant" for a very enjoyable lunch and a rest from the shopping! This was followed by a Theatre Trip on the 2nd February to see 'Sister Act' at the Congress Theatre – a great way to blow away the winter blues!

At the February Meeting, President Gill Nokes told the Ladies about future outings in the pipeline. There's to be an Afternoon Tea with a 'Bring and Buy Sale' on the 26th March at the Langham Hotel – always a popular event – and a weekend visit to the W.I.'s Denman College at the end of May. Gill asked the Ladies to consider an outing to Goodwood Races Ladies Day on the 2nd August – a chance to get the 'Glad Rags' out!

The meeting continued with the retired Head Gardener from Kew Gardens, Mr Harry Townsend, talking to the Ladies about the history of Kew Gardens and his role in the running of it. He was known as 'Harry the Wheelbarrow Man' from his many years in gardening. The gardens have evolved from their outset in 1720, as botanical gardens, to play many roles; from conserving plants in laboratories for medicines etc., to showing school children that coffee actually grows on trees! His enthusiasm made all the Ladies feel inclined to make another visit in the near future. Especially with the new Kew Train which has opened up the gardens to everyone.

The Craft Club met on the 20th February to make Scrapbook Boxes with Christine French. The intention was to make Mini Books as well, but time ran out! They will be made at a later session. Everyone was very pleased with the results. They all turned out so differently. The Craft Club meets every 3rd Monday of the month in Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall. Next month it will be on the 19th

March from 2-4pm when Pat Chatterton will be showing them some beading ornaments.

On the 27th February the newly established "Diner's Club" met in Simply Italian to discuss the arrangements for the next few months. A small sub-committee was formed and they will report back to the next meeting.

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Yacht Club at 2pm. At the meeting on 12th March, Fran Bennet will be giving an introduction and demonstration of "Tai Chi".

Membership for The Harbour W.I. has reached a maximum for the premises where it is held, but visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with Frances Harrap on 01323 472649

Information is also available on the SHRA website.

www.shra.co.uk/wi

Outstanding Nursery



The Haven Nursery School has been awarded a grading of "Outstanding" by OFSTED inspectors who found the nursery to be faultless in each of its seventeen assessment areas.

Pooh's Nursery School, also run by Mrs Gorete Farkhad, received the same accolade in 2010 and was the first nursery in Eastbourne and the wider area to achieve 'outstanding' right across the 17 assessment areas. Now, under Gorete's guidance, The Haven Nursery School has done exactly the same.



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The Headteacher of The Haven CE/ Methodist Primary School, Wendy Bray, is delighted with the nursery's success and commented that the staff at the nursery have worked very hard to establish this high standard of provision, the school is proud to be working in partnership with this highly successful nursery. The award is truly outstanding as no other nursery in Eastbourne or surrounding areas is believed to have earned such an accolade.

"It's unprecedented," says Gorete, "as far as we know, nobody else has achieved this twice - this is definitely an Olympic year for us"

The Haven Nursery School, which is located beside The Haven School in Sovereign Harbour, has been open for just six months, making this achievement all the more impressive.

The Haven Nursery School put their success down to hard work across a range of areas. "It's not down to one single thing that we're doing, it's a combination of things: best practice, staff training, reflecting on our work and developing our professional skills", says Gorete.

"We reflect on what we've done, learn from it and take it forward," says Jessie, Assistant Manager at The Haven Nursery School. "We're always ready to take on new ideas and new ways of doing things but we're always careful to build on what works and use that as a basis.

Gorete said "The whole team is thrilled with this exceptional OFSTED report which recognises our commitment to the highest standards of care and education.

Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour



The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour will be holding its second annual harbour walk on 22nd April.

The inaugural walk, last year, raised over £3,500 for "Help for Heroes" and, this year, it is hoped that at least £5,000 will be raised for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The gentle 5Km stroll will start and finish behind Cineworld in the Sovereign Harbour Retail park and include the Outer Harbour, Inner Harbour and North Harbour promenades.

Walkers will be joined by some guide dogs, and their owners, Stephen Lloyd MP, the Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr. Carolyn Heaps and the Eastbourne Dog Welfare Officer, Sue Criddle, with her dog Polar.

Walkers are encouraged to bring along their dogs (on a short lead please), and to get sponsorship, not only for themselves, but for their dogs.

Registration fee is just £5 and walkers of all ages will be very welcome. Those under 18 may register free, but will need to be accompanied by a registered adult.

For more information, see the back page of this issue, or visit: www.harbourwalk.info

Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm for a buffet dinner in the annexe of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.

Visitors and prospective new members are very welcome.

For more information visit:

www.sovharbour.rotaryweb.org

e-mail: president@rotarysh.org.

Sovereign Harbour Art Group

The Sovereign Harbour Art Group meets in the Christ The King Church Hall, Princes Road on Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm.

Learn to paint with acrylics, oils and pastels with an experienced art tutor in a friendly, relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Phone Angela on 07914-884378 or e-mail acrylicart@hotmail.co.uk

You might also like to visit the Art Group's page of the SHRA website.

www.shra.co.uk/artgroup.html

The Maritime Volunteer Service

The Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) is a charity-run organisation which aims to promote seamanship and maritime engineering for the young and old alike through local units around the country.

Training nights are held every Tuesday evening at 19:30 in the MVS unit hut. New members are always welcome.

For more information, visit:

www.mvs-eastsussex.co.uk

E-mail: eastsussexmvs@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07738-286373.

Harbour Friends

Harbour Friends continues to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 at the Yacht Club.

For the uninitiated, Harbour Friends is a social group of Harbour Residents, of all ages, both singles and couples, with the purpose of building friendships and generally enjoying life on our lovely harbour.

Events are open to members only so why not join. At only £14 per year (27p per week!) this is a bargain.

For further information please contact either Brenda on 01323 470114 or Gilly on 01323 470366'

or visit: www.harbourfriends.co.uk.

Vets Football

The Vets Football Team has now been running successfully for almost six years, but more players are welcome to join, from the ages of 36 plus, to play Sunday mornings on a casual basis.

All abilities and fitness levels welcome.

For more information, contact Frank:

vetsfooty@hotmail.com

www.shra.co.uk/vetsfootball.htm

Garden Bar Golf Society

The Garden Bar Golf Society meets once a month for a day of golf at high quality courses.

Current members cover a wide range of abilities, with handicaps ranging from 6 to 28 and, although the golf is important, the social aspects of the day are equally significant. For more information, call in to the Garden Bar at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront, or e-mail gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk.

ubs and Groups

For more information, please visit the 'Harbour Clubs' page of the SHRA website (www.shra.co.uk).

Sovereign Harbour Social Club

The Sovereign Harbour Social Club meets every Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Simply Italian annexe at the Waterfront for coffee.

Each month, there will be one outing or visit; lunch, theatre, places of interest.

All are welcome. For further details contact Sam Sweiry on 01323-479111.

www.harbourseniors.co.uk

Garden Bar Football Club

The Garden Bar Sunday football team, which plays its home games at Hampden Park, is current champion of the Lewes and District Premiership. If you would like to join this very successful local team, call in to the Garden Bar at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront or e-mail gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk

Strollers and Toners

Get fit, tone up, make friends, feel better Meeting outside Bright Ideas at the Waterfront, Thursdays at 9:30 - 10:30am Cost £2.50

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Sovereign Singers

Sovereign Singers is an all female choir that performs in aid of the Eastbourne Blind Society. New members are welcome.

For more information, call 01323 470445 or email:

sovereignpolyphony@uwclub.net

or visit:

sovereignpolyphony.com

The Harbour Women's Institute

The Harbour branch of the W.I. meets on the second Monday of the month at 2:00pm in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Frances Harrap on: 01323-472649.

www.shra.co.uk/wi

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

New members welcome. You don't need to own a boat - social members also welcome.

Enjoy the friendly clubhouse, good food and great fun. Open Tuesday-Thursday 17:00-22:30, Friday-Saturday 12:00-23:00 and Sundays 12:00-18:00.

Call in anytime, or contact the membership secretary, Lorna Hooper, at: membership@shyc.co.uk

Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club

The Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club at 1pm for 1:30pm start, finishing at 5pm

The club runs a host system and all levels are very welcome with or without a partner.

For further information including bridge tuition and educational material, please visit www.sh-bc.info, or call Alan on 01323-645893.

Brushstrokes Artists

A friendly, informal group of local artists, with a range of abilities, working in various media, meeting on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4pm in St. Richard's Church Hall, Etchingam Road, Langney, BN23 7AX. No tuition provided. Drop in to join, or just for an informal chat, or e-mail marinaann@hotmail.co.uk for more information

RNLI Update

(by Bob Jeffery)



Following last year's all time record high for the number of call-outs, with Eastbourne lifeboats being officially credited with 128 services, the start of 2012 has ironically been one of the quietest for many years. It's too early to speculate as to the reasons why, and not wishing to tempt fate, but let's just hope the trend continues and people remain safe at sea. To this end, we are still offering free safety checks to boat owners. A trained member of our team will visit the owner aboard and offer independent advice on all things nautical. Our Sea Safety Officer, Terry Colbran can be contacted on LSSOTerry@talktalk.net or phone 07860 362367

Our new Tamar class lifeboat, Diamond Jubilee, was unceremoniously lowered into the water for the first time on 6th February to mark the anniversary of our Queens accession to the throne. Since then the new boat has been undergoing extensive sea trials before officially being handed over from the builders to the RNLI. This process is still on schedule as is the equally extensive programme of crew training.

We have received the heartening news from RNLI headquarters that our current all weather boat The Royal Thames will remain in active service when she leaves Eastbourne. Under normal circumstances when a lifeboat is replaced it either goes into the relief fleet or is sold to one of

the many overseas countries who envy our lifeboat service. On this occasion she will have new engines fitted and will then go on service at a brand new station at Leverburgh on the Isle of Harris. We are in contact with our colleagues at Leverburgh who are every bit as excited with their new venture as we are here at Eastbourne.

Our massive task of raising the finance for our new boat continues. Even in the current difficult financial climate the support has been extraordinary with not only donations of cash but offers of physical help too. Many local organisations will be hosting fund raising events on our behalf throughout the summer and are always on the lookout for quality raffle prizes. If any local businesses are able to help they are asked to please make contact with Eastbourne RNLI boathouse on 01323 470206

Community Police Update

by PC Ed Faulkner



PC Ed Faulkner
07787-685813

PCSO Martin Hylands
07909-873787

The harbour continues to enjoy low levels of crime, and this is testament to the strong community that has been formed. However there have been a couple of concerning incidents that I wanted to bring to people's attention.

Firstly, the clothing bank recycling hoppers that are in the ASDA carpark have been damaged, incurring significant repair costs. This means that people are leaving clothing outside of the hopper which is then stolen by unscrupulous criminals.

We are trying to identify offenders, however if you are not able to put your recycling in the hopper then please don't leave it on the ground nearby.

On the afternoon of 14th March, whilst on foot patrol in Harbour Quay, Martin was stopped by a passing motorist, who reported smoke coming from the waste land between the temporary boat storage area and Pevensey Bay Road, opposite Tanbridge Road. Martin ran to the area and found that some of the dry tree needles and ground cover had caught fire, directly beneath one of the large trees. Martin called the fire service and, whilst waiting, became an impromptu firefighter and beat out the flames with a stick and his feet, assisted by a member of the public who had observed what was happening.

The Fire and Rescue Service attended and damped down the area. Fire Officers noted that the area was very dry and the fire could easily have spread rapidly if not noticed. It is thought that two disposable BBQs found nearby could have been the cause. In these dry times, Police are asking the public to take extra care with fire, and to report any possibly dangerous incidents.

No damage was caused on this occasion, however, we have seen the massive damage caused by fire at the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park. It is very important that further incidents of this kind should be prevented.

Police are working with East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service to try to educate people about the clear dangers of fire

If you see anyone playing where they shouldn't, or suspicious activity of any kind, be please let us know.

Many residents contacted us with information on the vicious attack on a cat in February.

Out thanks to all who called, and for the information you gave us; every call has been followed up. However, we have been unable to successfully locate the animals involved.

Our attempts to identify volatile and dangerous dogs continue; please contact us if you have any concerns.

You can contact Ed or Martin on the numbers above.

Coffee Morning at St Richard's



The Arts and Craft Exhibition and Flower Festival Committee of St Richard's Church, Langney is holding a coffee morning in the St Richard's Church Hall in Etchingam Road Langney, on Friday 13th April from 10.00-11.30.

As well as having the opportunity to have a coffee and a chat, visitors will also have the benefit of a "nearly-new" sale with lots of wonderful bargains, and a raffle with lots of prizes.

All are welcome.

Big Screen Race Night



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Showroom manager, Dominic Chapman, said: "As Eastbourne's longest established jewellers, W E Clark & Son are delighted to offer a truly exclusive discount to Waterlines readers. Simply bring in our advertisement that appears in this edition of Waterlines and receive a 10% discount off your purchase. We look forward to seeing you very soon".

With summer just around the corner, now seems to be a good time to get your bike out to take advantage of the great cycling conditions that exist around the harbour.

If your bike needs some work, from a puncture repair, to a full service, this month's second new sponsor, harbour based Cylotek, is here to help you. And, if you take along the advertisement at the top of the opposite page, you will get a 10% discount on the work done.

Finally, throughout the month of April, former Waterlines sponsor, The Dental Barn, is offering a bouquet of flowers and a luxury Easter egg to any existing customer who refers a friend or

neighbour, who subsequently signs on for treatment.

Those of you who are patients at the practice, might be interested to know that, at the Dentistry Awards 2012, hygienist, Alison Thompson, was named as "Dental Care Professional of the Year - South East".



On the subject of The Dental Barn, Practice Manager, Sabrina Wood, set off to France at the end of March to raise money for the "Dreams Come True" children's charity.



Sabrina is a member of the sixteen strong "Dream Team", of carp anglers who are going to France for a week in order to raise

money and make the dreams of terminally or seriously ill children a reality.

100% of the money raised goes towards the charity. Sabrina said "I am the only woman to be chosen this year and hope that with this great team we can raise a huge amount of money for this amazing charity!"

Sabrina has already raised over £600 for the charity but is keen to reach her personal target of £1000. If you would like to find out more or donate to her cause you can visit her just giving site where you can follow her progress. www.justgiving.com/brinaeastlake.

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Harbour Community Association

We are delighted to tell you that an important milestone on the road to a sustainable harbour community has been reached; the Harbour Community Association's (HCA) application for charitable status has been accepted by the Charity Commission. This will provide a structure that will now open up access to many more funding streams, from Government and other charitable organisations.

This will enable the bringing together of groups of like-minded individuals, and the promotion of a much wider variety of activities, once the hoped for harbour community centre becomes a reality.

The HCA is a fledgling group being developed in the Harbour. Unlike most organisations which provide a specific activity the HCA's aim is to provide a variety of different activities based on the needs of the community as well as, where possible, supporting other groups operating within the Harbour neighbourhood.

The Short Mat Bowls group meet every Thursday evening at the Haven School from 6:45pm to 9:00pm (during term time only). They enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and chat at half time so that everyone gets to know each other and makes new friends.

They now have three bowls mats and would welcome more players. If you would like to have a try just turn up on a Thursday evening.

Play will start again on 19th April after the Easter break. There are a few spare sets of bowls, so you can have a try. Cost is just £4.00 per session.

If you are interested and would like to have a chat about short mat bowls or even starting up a new activity please give Des Davis a ring on 01323 472167. Or for more information please visit: www.shra.co.uk/hca.html

Review of Library Services

East Sussex Library Service is reviewing libraries within a five mile radius of central Eastbourne; to make sure that it is providing the best service, in the right place for residents.

They need your views to continue to improve the service and help them build a library network for the years to come. This is an opportunity for the residents of Sovereign Harbour to make their views known.

The survey can be completed by post, or online, and you can find a link to the information on the SHRA website: www.shra.co.uk/news.html (27th March).

Sovereign Therapies

Psychology & counselling services now available at the Harbour Medical Centre on Thursdays.

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Maggie on 01323-471615

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On 17th February, an Eastbourne Borough Council Community Enforcement Officer issued a £75 fixed penalty, under section 87 of the Environmental Protection Act, to a female resident, who dumped a shopping trolley in Atlantic Drive after returning from a trip to Asda.

Fixed penalties can also be issued for graffiti, littering, repairing vehicles on the road, dog fouling and street trading.

In cases where a fixed penalty is not paid, and no arrangement for instalments has been made, EBC policy is to prosecute.

Art Under Ground

From Saturday 5th May, 2012, the Eastbourne Under Ground Theatre (UGT) is launching a major initiative, designed to bring to the town centre high-quality art, in a new "art space".

The theatre foyer, down the stairs from the entrance to the main library, has been refurbished as an exhibition area. The first show will open to the public on Saturday, 5th May, with the UGT's opening hours extended, so that everyone in Eastbourne has an opportunity to enjoy this novel addition to the local art scene.

The main emphasis in Art Under Ground will be on professional art. The first painter to be featured will be Andrew Voller, who comes originally from Kingston-upon-Thames, and who was awarded First Class Honours in Fine Art at Hull, and currently runs the Levitate Gallery in Mark Lane, Eastbourne. He describes his pictures as "colourful concoctions, ardently overlaid with ideas".

This first exhibition will last throughout the theatre's summer season, until the end of August, while the whole process "beds down". Entry is free. Andrew Voller will be regularly changing the pictures

on display, so the exhibition will evolve over time.

The UGT will open especially for art-lovers from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Fridays - and also on Saturdays, when the weekly coffee-morning will from now on always be accompanied by live music on stage. The pictures can, of course, also be viewed at any time by the audiences for UGT jazz and drama nights, or chamber-music and film afternoons.

For more information on this and other Under Ground Theatre events, visit: www.undergroundtheatre.org.uk

East Dean and Friston Art Group Exhibition



Local artists who are members of the East Dean and Friston Art Group will be exhibiting their work over the May Bank Holiday.

The Show has always been popular and attracts large numbers of visitors.

The paintings that will be on display have all been created by the members of the Art Group, and will be available for purchase.

Show times:

- Saturday 30th April 2pm-5pm
- Sunday 1st May 10am - 5pm
- Monday 2nd May 10am - 4pm

Admission and parking for the event is free

There will be a raffle, and refreshments will be available.

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