

Waterlines



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New Year - New Look Harbour - New Look Waterlines



Another year starts, and to welcome it in, we have given Waterlines a face-lift; thanks to Tom at SCS Marketing for his help.

Apart from the new look, you will see that Waterlines now incorporates a new centre page pull-out "Waterfront Newsletter" which will keep you up-to-date with events and offers. This will be a regular feature for 2014 and, we hope, beyond.

The coming year should be very significant for Sovereign Harbour; we've said it before but, this time, two planning applications that will have a major impact on the completion of the harbour development have been submitted and are being verified:

- Application number 130967 - to build the Harbour Innovation Mall, on "Site Six".
- Application number 131002 - for the development of the remaining harbour sites.

By the time you read this, the opportunity to comment on the applications will have closed. For more information, visit:

www.eastbourne.gov.uk/planning

Also of great importance to harbour residents will be the "Section 106" agreement associated with application 131002, which planning officers are currently negotiating with the applicant. This will determine what facilities and infrastructure will be provided for the harbour community as a condition of the consent, should it be granted; most notably a Community Centre of adequate size for the population, to be delivered before the commencement of any residential development.

The application, in most respects, closely reflects the Sovereign Harbour SPD, which was ratified by the Borough Council and the Secretary of State for Communities in 2012, and the concepts presented to residents at the pre-application presentation at the Yacht Club in March 2013.

Although the benefits to residents fall short of what might have been expected from previous development, all those involved in the SPD process accept that, in the current environment, they are the best that could have been obtained and, subject to the successful completion of the s106 agreement, the application will be supported by the SHRA Committee

25% Increase in Rent Charge Provokes Call to Action

The usual anger and resentment felt by harbour residents on the receipt of the annual Marina Rent Charge bill was greatly increased this year by a huge increase in the amount paid to Premier Marinas for harbour and marina maintenance.

The demand for payment was accompanied by a letter from the Premier Marinas Group Finance Director, Geoff Collins (GC), that sought to explain and justify the huge increase in the charge as the company's "custodial responsibility for maintaining sea defences". The major causes of the increase were said to be repairs to the mechanism for opening and closing the lock gates and repairs to the stop logs that are used to seal the locks during maintenance and to seal the locks in case of damage to the gates.

Members of the SHRA requested a meeting in order that we could better understand the background to the charges so that we could update residents. The meeting was held on Friday 24th January with GC and the Premier Marinas Area Manager, Andy Garland (AG).

SHRA Meeting with Premier Marinas

Unsurprisingly, GC and AG were adamant that all of the charges were justified and represented best value, and said they were very keen to ensure that residents were kept fully informed of all chargeable work done and to provide greater detail to the line items on the bill. It was agreed that a regular slot would be provided in Waterlines for this purpose.

The primary cause of the increase was the cost of replacing the hydraulic pipes in the mechanism for opening the gates of the lock which was shut down for maintenance last year. It was confirmed that similar costs will be incurred and passed on to residents next year when the other lock is closed for maintenance.

The SHRA representatives argued that, far from being a part of the sea defences, the lock gates were a weak link, only there to support the commercial operation of the marina. They further argued that, even if it were accepted

that the gates were a part of the sea defences, opening and closing them was only to allow entry and exit of boats, which was a function of the marina operation.

The response was that it could be necessary to open the gates at low tide to remove flood water that had overflowed into the marina. Interestingly, it was stated that it was necessary to dredge the channel to ensure the gates could be opened in such an emergency. This seems a poor justification, considering that the channel is dredged all the way out of the harbour, and the danger of gates in constant use being blocked by silt is nil.

Loss of income would affect the viability of the marina business

Premier Marinas insists that its business receives absolutely no benefit from the charge. It was, however, acknowledged that without the income from the charge, the viability of the operation would be seriously undermined; somewhat of a contradiction.

It should be noted that both GC and AG are directors of the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) CIC, which collects and audits the charge. As this meeting presented a rare opportunity to discuss the operation of the CIC with two of its directors, the thorny subject of massive administration costs, coupled with rising debts was raised.

We were told that the administration of the trust/CIC was under review and would be put out to tender in the near future. We told the directors that Eastbourne Borough Council had indicated a willingness to consider taking on the function and urged them to ensure it was included in the process.

Arrears from non-payment have now reached almost £¼ million. We were told that the directors were trying to address this issue, but were reluctant to use the powers at their disposal. This is **our** money; we have already paid the bill; if it was all recovered in the coming year, our next bill would be reduced by about £80 each.

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Although the outcome of the meeting presented no prospect of a reduction in the charge, the commitment by Premier Marinas to provide greater detail of the charges and to engage with the SHRA to keep residents informed of ongoing works and issues is very welcome progress.

A similar approach from the CIC on administration would also be welcome. Having to pay this charge is bad enough, but to be kept in the dark about how it is being spent is totally unacceptable.

The time has surely come to open up the black hole into which £162,000 of our money was poured last year, and which has swallowed up almost £1 million since 2003.

Although we have no reason to doubt anybody's personal integrity, the operation of the trust/CIC is rife with possible conflicts of interest. Four of the directors were appointed by Premier Marinas or the Environment Agency and the CIC secretary, and legal advisor to the trust is a partner in the legal practice responsible for the collection of the charge.

To quote Arthur Daley: "This is a nice little earner" for somebody.

Sovereign Harbour Community Association (SHCA) Update

The success of the SHCA Short Mat Bowls Group continues; the group is now over subscribed and a waiting list is in place.

The SHCA and Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour will be entering a float in the 2014 Eastbourne Sunshine carnival and, by the time you read this, the "Sixties Music Evening" in Pablo's at the Waterfront, to raise funds for this event, will already have taken place. This has already been a great success, as over £500 has already been raised in booking fees. Look out for a report on this event in the April issue.

The SHCA will also be working with the Rotary Club of Sovereign harbour in staging the 2014 Harbour Walk on 8th June. 50% of the sponsorship money raised will be donated to the community centre fund, the remainder to Combat Stress, and other Rotary charities. The launch of this event has been delayed by an administration problem, outside of the SHCA's control; hopefully this will soon be resolved.

Has The Time Come To Fight?

The delivery of the 2014 Marina Rent Charge bill has highlighted the fact that residents have an unlimited liability to pay whatever is demanded, provided it is within the terms of the 1988 Southern Water Agreement.

A proposal was put to the SHRA that a fighting fund be established to finance a legal challenge to the Deed and Grant of Covenant by which property owners committed to pay the charge. Initial work suggests that grounds probably exist and procuring a legal opinion would be worthwhile. The cost of this is not prohibitive and will be pursued, but any litigation that might follow could be very expensive.

It is worth looking back at the reason the 1988 agreement was put in place. At that time, the plan for Sovereign Harbour was for about 680 high value homes, each with its own berth. It would seem reasonable to require the property owners who would benefit from the marina facilities to pay for the cleaning and maintenance of the waterways and infrastructure. A formula was agreed by which the charges to property owners would be calculated.

The 1988 agreement put obligations on the Southern Water Company (SW) to replace or repair the groynes on the Sovereign Harbour beach, and on Tarmac Construction to transport shingle, that would build up at Langney Point due to the interruption of the littoral drift caused by the construction of the harbour arm, to the Sovereign Harbour beach. When SW was dissolved, its responsibilities were taken over by the Environment Agency, (EA) and, following a take-over, those of Tarmac by Sovereign Harbour Ltd (SHL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Carillion.

The 1988 agreement placed a responsibility on the signatories to set up a trust to administer the collection of the charge and the distribution of the monies collected.

In the event, both the EA and SHL failed to honour their responsibilities under the agreement and, in 2000, the EA declared the agreement to be "null and void" and stated it would be withdrawing from it. SHL responded by seeking a judicial review of the decision.

By this time, the downturn of the housing market had turned the original grandiose concept into a large housing development surrounding a commercial marina open to all, and a planning application had been submitted for the development of the North Harbour. The EA had objected to the application on the grounds of flood risk, but said it would withdraw the objection if the developers would fund the strengthening of the sea defences. This is where it gets messy.

Faced with the prospect of having to defend a judicial review that would inevitably expose its failings, the EA opted to enter into negotiations with SHL to modify the 1988 agreement. This resulted in the production of the Sovereign Harbour Beaches (Sea Defences) Deed of 2001.

In this deed, both parties absolved each other of all responsibilities under the 1988 agreement and placed the burden of the sea defence work and the maintenance of the marina onto property owners. Despite having missed the deadline for setting up a trust, the Sovereign Harbour Trust was established to administer the new deed, all trustees being appointed by the EA and SHL. Although, at that time, the Sovereign Harbour Trust was registered as a charity, the deed was never lodged with the Charity Commission.

All property owners were obliged to sign a deed and covenant to pay the charge but before signing, were only shown the original 1988 agreement. In fact, the existence of the 2001 deed was only discovered by accident. Requests for a copy were refused on grounds of "commercial confidentiality; it was necessary to use the Freedom of Information Act to obtain it.

It is evident that officers of the EA put their own interests before those of the public, and this is clearly recognised at a local level. Senior officers, however, refuse even to discuss the issues, or to help in resolving those they are in a position to influence.

Let us have your views. Would you be prepared to contribute to a fighting fund? If so, how much per month? More in the next issue.

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RNLI Update

by Bob Jeffery



For several years now common seals have visited the harbour to either rest up or snack on the abundance of fish on offer. In recent years at least two have even worked out how the marina locks operate and taken advantage of the rich stock of Grey Mullet and eels inside the marina.

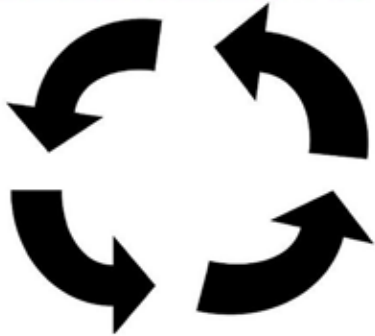
This week we had a call from the Watch Officer at Dover Coastguard after he had received a number of calls from members of the public that a large seal was in apparent difficulties 50 metres offshore from the York Hotel. With the possibility that the sighting could have been a person in the water we launched our inshore lifeboat to investigate.

Initially the volunteer lifeboat crew found nothing but after several sweeps of the area the seal broke surface to enquire what all the fuss was about. After a brief frolic with the crew it happily returned to its prime objective of catching a fish for its lunch. The lifeboat crew returned to station happy in the knowledge that the 'casualty' was fit and well. In the event this wasn't a life or death situation but it's gratifying to know that the public remain vigilant and keep a sharp lookout for anything that has the potential of being a dangerous situation along our stretch of coast.

Annual statistics from the RNLI have just been released for 2013. Once again we were one of the busiest coastal stations Nationwide having been credited with 139 callouts and rescuing 116 people, this in addition to a number of standbys and cancelled launches. Whilst we are proud to be of service it should be remembered that the commitment of the crew also has an influence on family life and that it's not only the volunteer crew member who sacrifice their time but also wives, children and employers who also deserve a vote of thanks.

Where's Our Emergency Evacuation Plan?

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



Several years ago, at a meeting of the Pevensey Bay and Normans Bay Flood Planning Group, it became apparent that nobody had thought it necessary to include Sovereign Harbour in the plan, despite having a greater population than most of the other neighbourhoods combined.

Despite frequent reminders, this omission has still not been addressed, and there is no harbour emergency evacuation plan in place

A recent Road Traffic Collision on the Martello roundabout, the only entrance and exit to the North Harbour, reinforced the danger to harbour residents. During the period when the occupants of one of the vehicles were removed, and the vehicles were recovered, residents' vehicles could not get in or out of the harbour for several hours. The knock-on effect caused long delays for traffic over a wide area.

Although this was inconvenient, it highlighted the fact that there is only one point of exit from the North Harbour. The roundabout at the junction of Atlantic Drive and Martinique Way presents a similar bottleneck for South Harbour residents.

There are many natural or man-made disasters that could affect the harbour, but the most

obvious threat comes from the sea. We are fortunate in having a robust sea defence maintenance plan in place but, in the event that the defences were breached, either at the harbour or elsewhere, the flood plan shows that the area affected would be very widespread, and even the emergency services would have difficulty in gaining access to the harbour.

Nobody knows who are the most vulnerable, or where they live

Having gained access, the first objective of the emergency services would be to locate the most vulnerable residents and make them safe in their homes or evacuate them to a place of safety; an impossible task when nothing has been done to identify who they are and where they live.

Considering how much we all pay in Council Tax, and how little we get in return, it really is time that those responsible for our safety got off their backsides and addressed this serious failing.

Harbour WI

by Judy Letter



“The Last Voyage of the Queen Mary” was the title for David Clark’s talk to the Ladies for their January meeting. David had been one of 8 Radio Officers on board for this memorable trip in 1967.

He gave a fascinating talk about the history of the beautiful liner – from the ordering by Cunard Steam Ship Co. in 1926; the building by John Brown’s Ship Builders; the launching and naming by Queen Mary in 1934; to the last voyage on 31st October 1967.

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She had been a sophisticated ship for her era. The 'posh' cabins had telephones! Cunard had run out of money during the building, so our government had stepped in with 4 million pounds of public money and Cunard joined forces with White Star Shipping to become the 'Cunard White Star Line'.

She was used as a Troop Carrier in the 2nd World War – to bring the GIs over – and then to take them back in 1947. She won the 'Blue Riband' for the fastest time across the Atlantic and was used regularly by many famous people including King Edward VIII.

She was eventually sold to Long Beach in Southern California for £1,250,000. The ticket sales alone for the last voyage made more than that! Also being transported on board, on deck, were 2 London Red Buses and the passengers were fighting for a seat on one of them as the ship rounded Cape Horn – just so they could say they had gone round Cape Horn on a bus!

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Yacht Club at 2pm. On the 10th February, the speaker, Derrick Hughes, is going to tell the Ladies about his 17 years as a Headmaster. In

keeping with the theme, the competition for the month is to finish a limerick which starts "There was a school teacher from!! This month's competition was to see how many items would fit into a matchbox and was won by Carole Kilby with 127 items!?!"

The Craft Club meet in the Baptist Church at Pevensey Bay on the 3rd Monday of every month. The meeting on the 17th February is to make sugar roses with Heather Hyrapiet – always very popular. January's Lunch Club is going to The Moorings on the 30th January and the 4th Monday Club met in Simply Italian on 27th January to discuss future activities.

The new Social Secretary, Margaret Stanbridge, told the Ladies that she has a Coffee Morning planned for the Grand Hotel in March and a 'Bring and Buy' at the Langham Hotel for April as well as many Federation outings.

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

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

by Adrian Peckham



With the evenings becoming lighter many of us turn their thoughts to outdoor activities once again.

Only a few hundred metres from the eastern end of the harbour, right on the beach, is our dinghy sailing and windsurfing club, where we sail from April through to December.

We are a friendly, family orientated club, run by the members. The club offers first class sailing with an unspoilt beach-front location allowing easy access to the water. It offers its members; general sailing, training both for cadets and adults from beginners to intermediate levels and regular club racing.

Family Oriented Sailing Club

The sailing events are interspersed with a healthy series of social events from summer, BBQs, hog roasts and the occasional live band. In the summer we also sail on Tuesday and Thursday evenings mixing free sailing with training courses.

In July we hitch up our boats and go camping on the water's edge in Chichester Harbour and, in early August, the club is open all week for our annual Sea Week of fun, water based activities for adults and children alike.

Our clubhouse offers hot food and a bar at the weekends, often enjoyed by members using our sun terrace overlooking the stunning

views over the bay and on towards Bexhill and Hastings. Do come and have a look round the club at any time from April onwards.

We also run 'taster' days in May and August each year where we'll take you out on our club boats to give you a feel for dinghy sailing. For more info see our website: www.pbosc.eu.

or contact our membership secretary: membership@pbosc.eu.

Sovereign Polyphony at Christmas



Sovereign Polyphony, the female harmony choir, raised £1,500 from its diverse 2013 fund-raising performances, all of which was donated to the Eastbourne Blind Society.

The annual concert at Simply Italian on the Waterfront raised £300 in donations from diners and the management.

Singing for Eastbourne's Blind

Details of the Spring 2014 concert season can be found on the Sovereign Polyphony website: www.sovereignpolyphony.com.

For anybody interested in joining voices in harmony, the choirs hold half-hour, no-obligation, "come for coffee" meetings at 124 Longstone Road, at which you will be made very welcome. Check website for details.

More concerts have been scheduled for March and May. See website, or e-mail: sovereignpolyphony@uwclub.net.

Harbour Friends Update

by Dave Hawkins

At the time of writing (3rd week of January) the much publicised arctic winter has yet to materialise and the Harbour has been enjoying mostly above average temperatures with some days feeling very spring like. I do hope that has not put the mockers on it and that the rest of the winter remains mild for us all to enjoy.

Whatever the weather, the members of Harbour Friends social group can always pop out on a Wednesday evening for some lively discussion and socialising in the main bar of the Yacht Club.

At present, we have just started our membership renewals for 2014. In view of that, why not come along on one of the Wednesdays in February/ March on a "casual" basis, with no obligation to join. If you find that you like the company and ambience and wish to become a member, then we can arrange for you to be included with the 2014 memberships at a very reasonable annual cost of £15 per person. If you might like to take up the above offer, please contact us via the information in the regular clubs section of Waterlines, or alternatively visit our website at www.harbourfriends.co.uk

Give it a casual, no-obligation try on a Wednesday evening in February and March to see if you like it.

Now that we have concluded our events for 2013 and have just started the planning for 2014, there follows below an update as to what we have been doing recently, as well as information on one of our special events for 2014.

On Saturday 7th December A small group of HF members went on the scheduled number 12 bus over to Brighton for a sightseeing/ shopping trip. Luckily the weather was good and the trip was enjoyed by all that went along. Apparently, there was a bit of a drama on the way back when the bus broke down, but with the very high frequency on that route it was just a matter of waiting 20 minutes for the next one to come along. The next trip of this kind will be

to Chichester by train in the Spring and many thanks to Bryan Drewett for organising these trips.

On Saturday 21st December We had our annual Christmas party and this year it was at The Afton Hotel (see pic). This was attended by 74 members and comprised of a welcome drink, 3 course meal and disco for a very reasonable price of just £20.

Around 40 members also chose to use the subsidised coach to the venue that picked



up around both North and South Harbours. What a great evening it was with a real party atmosphere that is hard to find these days. The dance floor was buzzing as soon as the meal finished and the hardest part of the night was for me having to be the party pooper, ushering members out for the coach at midnight. Many thanks to HF members Sue Johnston and Brenda Newland for their hard work arranging this event and also to the management and staff of the Afton for their hospitality.

On Wednesday 22nd January, we will be holding our AGM at the yacht club which will be followed by a "beetle drive" kindly hosted by HF member Charles Herrod.

Following on from the above the new committee will be meeting to arrange the events schedule for 2014, so watch this space for some old favourites and hopefully some new ideas including a day trip to Brugge.

Thanks again for taking the time to read our editorial and I trust that you will all enjoy 2104.

South Harbour Water Feature

by Water Feature Action Group



On January 10th representatives of the Water Feature Action Group, Columbus Point Residents Association and Dominica Court Residents Association attended a relatively positive meeting chaired by Stephen Lloyd MP with EBC officials and Persimmon Homes to discuss the water feature.

Persimmon had not been able to accept the property owners' earlier counter-proposal, but a new proposal was suggested and intensely debated which we are hopeful will offer a way forward. Persimmon indicated that they felt the same, and said they would write to confirm their position on the proposal within a week or so. At the time of writing we've still not heard back from them.

Persimmon threatens legal action

In the meantime, and despite the on-going negotiations, solicitors have posted 'Letter Before Claim' documents to all relevant owners seeking payment of overdue charges of between £1000 and £1600 by 21 February 2014. These charges, much of which relates to a period when the water feature was not even working and was empty of water, are disputed.

Despite the threat of proceedings, resident representatives will continue to engage with Persimmon, EBC and Stephen Lloyd to try to bring this complex and long-running saga to a satisfactory conclusion. They have also begun the process of establishing a legal fighting fund for use should negotiations break down or legal proceedings commence.

Spark Award
for
Cohub



UnLtd ★ Award Winner

Stuart and Laura Lambert, co-founders of Eastbourne's coworking space, Cohub, are the latest recipients of the national Spark Award scheme to support people with a track record of making a difference in their communities.

Stuart and Laura will use the award to fund a series of meet-ups in Eastbourne with the aim of bringing together both existing social entrepreneurs with established enterprises as well as those considering the "social" model for a new project. Stuart and Laura also hope to dispel some myths around social enterprises.

"When we set up Eastbourne's coworking space we went back and forth in terms of what kind of legal entity Cohub should be" explained Stuart.

"On the one hand, we were establishing something that we hoped would provide social good in terms of increased entrepreneurial activity from the town's independent workers but on the other hand we were also hopeful to make a return on our investment."

Support networks for social entrepreneurs looking to address community needs.

Laura added: "We're delighted to be working with David Hinton of Social Enterprise East Sussex to promote and run the meet-ups – he helped us realise that social enterprises and the people who set them up don't need to be embarrassed about making money out of their actions – creating good outcomes for others AND making a profit are NOT incompatible outcomes!"

The Eastbourne meet-ups fit perfectly with the overall objectives of the Spark campaign and its aims to create support networks for social entrepreneurs looking to address community needs.

The two-year campaign is being run by UnLtd, the leading provider of support to social entrepreneurs, and Santander to help people like Stuart and Laura pass on their knowledge, skills and experience to others - in the hope that more people will take a lead role in making their communities a better place to live.

Sheralee Morris of Santander says: "UnLtd's extensive network of social entrepreneurs will help to champion the Spark award scheme and give practical guidance to communities looking to tackle issues in their neighbourhoods through enterprise. By working with experienced entrepreneurs we're hoping to help local communities create sustainable, practical enterprises that address social needs."

The first meet-up in Eastbourne is at 5pm on Wednesday 19th February at Cohub, right next door to Eastbourne railway station, and is open to individuals working in or interested in establishing a social enterprise in or around Eastbourne.

The event is free to attend with online registration available at:

www.cohub.co.uk/events

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Alternatively, why not download the "Report It" app, which can be downloaded from the Eastbourne Borough Council website: www.eastbourne.gov.uk. Send your report and a picture.

"Dog Patrol" coming to the Harbour

Sovereign Ward including the harbour area has been chosen as the location for the next "Dog Patrol" event, which will take place in early February.

The purpose of the event is to educate dog walkers who do not clear up their animals faeces from the roads and beaches in the dangers of toxocarria. This extremely nasty disease, picked up from dog faeces, is very dangerous to children. Posters showing the effects will be displayed in the areas to be covered.

Community Police Update

by PC Ed Faulkner



PC Ed Faulkner **PCSO Martin Hylands**
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Without wishing to sound like a broken record, we wanted to remind everyone, yet again, of the security of undercrofts.

Macquarie Quay has suffered with a large number of cycles stolen from the car park area, many of which were quite expensive.

We are looking at ways in which to try and catch the culprit(s) of these offences, and the CCTV around the site is very good, but if you own a bike please make sure its securely locked.

Keep your bike locked-up ,or lose it!

And, by way of a change, we wanted to remind everyone of the constant threat from "rogue traders". Recently there have been occasions elsewhere in Eastbourne where companies have "cold called" properties where fences have blown down, and offered to do works but for massively inflated prices.

Our advice would be never to do business on the doorstep, instead use proper tradesmen getting several quotes to ensure the prices you are being offered are reasonable.

The national "Buy With Confidence" scheme is an excellent source of reputable tradesmen, who have been thoroughly checked-out by the local Trading Standards officers.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, we will be here to help with any issues you have

Haven Beacon PTFA Update

by Wendy Smith



The Haven School PTFA were pleased to have raised £700 at the Christmas Fair and would like to thank all who supported this event in any way. The money has been spent on books to support the children's learning.

Phil the Bag's next collection is on 7th March. If you have any textiles such as clothes, belts, bags, sheets or shoes you no longer want the school would gladly receive them in a strong bag on the morning of 7th March.

This is a recycling scheme that pays the school money for the weight of items collected and either reuses or recycles the items donated.

Thank you for your continued support.

"Opinions"

by Michael Morland



Thanks again Waterlines .. what would "Opinions" do without you?

In return Opinions would like to show its gratitude by replacing our inaugural photo with one more seasonal .. impressive hey? And, to all of you at Waterlines have a great 2014.

The outfit is my Eastbourne Santa Fun Run/Walk outfit I use every year for the Myasthenia Gravis Association event and this year I topped £160 ... a heartfelt thanks to all my sponsors.

Opinions will be changing in 2014

I must admit I couldn't resist the temptation to recruit "Opinioners" from the many people with whom I enjoyed fun and seasonal exchanges as

I travelled the 7 miles (there and back for me).

Unfortunately everybody thought "Opinions" was all part of the "fun run" ... although many sounded sincere when on parting saying "see you next year Santa"

I live in hope especially as Opinions generated so many "smiles"! Coping with this potential demand has inspired an updated approach which will be unfolded for 2014 ... no I'm not telling now ... you all just stay in touch with Waterlines ... cheers

Eastbourne Ancestors



A brand new Visit Eastbourne feature for 2014 will be the Eastbourne Ancestors exhibition, open at The Pavilion, which adjoins the Redoubt Fortress grounds.

This ground-breaking exhibition follows the biggest project of its kind, which saw scientific analysis of human remains dating back to the Bronze Age.

Ground Breaking Exhibition

The result of nearly two years of scientific bone analysis and facial reconstruction, this fascinating exhibition will tell the story of Eastbourne's Ancestors, including the rare African lady found at Beachy Head from Roman times.

With discoveries dating back to Roman times, the exhibition includes 3D and 2D facial reconstructions, and a chance to see their story,

with scientific results telling us, where they resided, what they ate, what they did for a living, their social status and how they died.

The exhibition will run from 1st February to 14th November, and will be open from 10am to 4pm in February and March, and then from 10am to 5pm. Entry is FREE.

Special Offer for Waterlines Readers



Lose weight, feel great! Thursday 20th February sees the launch of an exciting new weekly group in Sovereign Harbour, called The Feel Good Diet.

This is a weekly weight loss group with a difference. Owner Claire Carpenter explains: "More and more research is emerging about the types of foods we should really be eating to stay slim.

The Feel Good Diet incorporates this knowledge, together with a really simple exercise plan, to help people lose weight.

Lose Weight Without Counting Calories

There is no calorie counting or complicated points system and definitely no expensive supplements or substitute meals; just a simple plan using fresh, clean foods.

I guarantee that people will lose weight on the Feel Good Diet, so much so that I offer a money back guarantee if people fail to lose weight. As a bonus, and as the name suggests, they really will Feel Good!"

Head along to the free launch meeting of The Feel Good Diet for more information, 7pm on Thursday 20th February at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Look in Waterfront News for more information.

After the launch membership will be £5 a week and there is a 10% discount for SHRA members.

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