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Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



Annual General Meeting **for Members Only**

Haven School, Atlantic Drive

Thursday 15th May 2014

Starting at 7:30pm (Doors Open 7:00pm)

Admission by Current Life Membership Card

Harbour Walk 2014

8th June 2014

Starting at 12:00 Noon

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PCDL

Update

By Ian Thomas



The winter that we hope has just ended was the most severe in terms of storms and beach erosion to hit southern England for a very long time.

Pevensey Bay has experienced twenty-nine defined weather events in four months, when we could reasonably expect five or six in a whole year. Within those were two 1:50 year events, a 1:20, two of 1:10 and a 1:5.

It is likely that the winter as a whole would qualify as a 1:100 year winter.

The net result has been beach erosion on a scale not seen since the harbour was constructed in 1993. In fact erosion along the entire nine kilometres of the Pevensey Bay frontage has been excessive, but Sovereign Harbour has seen the worst by far.

Much of this is because the harbour was built in the first place and there are two reasons for this;

1. The breakwaters prevent the natural drift of sediment along the coast from west to east. Most shingle moving east from Eastbourne is trapped on the southern arm and has to be bypassed round the harbour by road lorry. Some does make it past the arm, but then falls into the harbour entrance channel from where it can't escape.

2. Because the breakwaters protrude from the coast, they refract approaching waves so that the wave energy becomes focused on an area 200m east of the harbour. The result of this is that there is an increase in the rate at which shingle drifts west to east on towards 'White Horses' and Pevensey Bay Sailing Club.

Before the marina was built, shingle was still eroded from what is now the north harbour beach, but at a slower rate, and what was lost was largely replaced by shingle drifting round from Eastbourne.

That this would happen was recognised by the Environment Agency and Carillion, who ensured that a 450m long rock revetment was constructed in 2002 as a backstop that would prevent erosion from reaching the cycle-way and the development behind. With the revetment in place, the harbour is protected. However, hard structures do need to be at least partially covered to prevent them from being undermined and subject subsequent potential collapse.

This winter over 26,000m³ of beach has been added either by recycling, bypassing or from the stockpile, yet on 3rd March – the date of the second 1:50 year storm – there had been a net loss at the harbour of 40,000m³. This means that well over 60,000m³ of beach has drifted from this area, which to put it in context is three times the volume normally delivered by dredger Sospan Dau every summer.

Repair works throughout the Bay have been continuous since 31 December and will need to continue into early April.

It's likely that Sospan Dau may have to make two visits this year, starting in the next few weeks.

The nature of the Sea Defence contract means that the Environment Agency pays Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd a fixed sum every year. Whatever works are necessary to maintain the defences to the required alignment and volume are deemed to be included in that price. Therefore any operating profit from a "good" year can be carried forward to cover costs in a "bad" winter such as the one we have just experienced. So even though a lot more will be spent on the beach this year, there will be no increased costs to the taxpayer or Sovereign Harbour residents for maintaining the defences.

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If you want to find out more about how the sea defences are managed, Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd will be holding its Annual Public Forum in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club between 14:00 and 18:00 on Wednesday 16th April.

Come along and meet the people at the sharp end of maintaining our sea defences, but please bear in mind that they purely provide a sea defence service; they have nothing to do with harbour charges or the Sovereign Harbour Trust.

SHRA AGM



The 2014 Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Annual General Meeting will be held in the Haven School on Thursday 15th May, starting at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm).

The meeting is for members only and admission is by current life membership card only.

Nominations for election to the committee, seconded by a current member, should be sent to:

The Secretary,

SHRA,
PO Box 124,
Eastbourne,
East Sussex, BN24 9AW.

To arrive no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday 30th April.

Invitations have been issued to; Stephen Lloyd MP, Cllrs. Elkin, Tutt, Ede, Jenkins and Warner, and members of the Eastbourne East Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Time to Take a Fresh Look at Sea Defence Management

Since the Sovereign Harbour Beaches were added to the PCDL contract for the management of sea defences in Norman's Bay, events have shown that many of the assumptions made by the Environment Agency have been proved wrong.

The most noticeable of these is the Agency's assertion that repairing the groynes would be pointless as it would not prevent the erosion of shingle from the beaches. This is clearly contradicted in a 2003 report, "*Redoubt Gardens to Cooden Coastal Defence Strategy*", jointly sponsored by the Environment Agency and Eastbourne Borough Council.

This report estimated that the cost of a breach **anywhere** in this frontage would exceed £1 billion (at 1993 values) and concluded that the defences for the **whole** of the coast should be maintained to a 1:200 year standard. However, it then went on to specify the work should be done only on the two stretches of coastline, from Redoubt Gardens to Sovereign Harbour and from Sovereign Harbour to Cooden, leaving out the 800 metres of Sovereign Harbour beaches. That opportunity for Eastbourne Borough Council to bring the Sovereign Harbour Beaches into the mainstream contract was sadly missed.

A breach in the sea defences anywhere between Holywell and Cooden would cost over £1 billion.

Another ten years of storm damage has left the Sovereign Harbour groynes in a very sorry state; quite incapable of preventing the loss of shingle.

In the recent spate of storms, the shingle on the



Sovereign Harbour Groyne

Sovereign Harbour beaches has been stripped and replenished several times. The seafront beaches, although depleted, have held up very well. So, what's the difference? - the seafront beaches are protected by substantial groynes, the harbour beaches have been left to the elements.

In fact, the magnificent sea defences we pay for consist of compacted shingle, only kept in place by the constant action of bulldozers and dump-trucks. The remainder, paid for from public funds, consist of substantial wooden groynes and rock revetments. The cost to the public purse of replacing the seafront groynes was £30 million.

£30 million spent on replacement of seafront groynes.



Eastbourne Groynes

Recent events can leave us in little doubt that weather patterns are changing; in his article on page two, Ian Thomas estimates that we have just suffered a 1:100 year winter.

It is, therefore, reasonable to conclude that a change in weather patterns requires a change in beach maintenance strategy; in particular that the constant erosion and replacement of shingle is just not sustainable.

It is also apparent that the beaches to the east of Sovereign Harbour have also sustained severe damage and, however good the guys at PCDL are, their resources have been severely stretched

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of late, and there have been times when it has been necessary to deploy the workforce to the areas in most danger, leaving other areas to the mercy of further possible storms.

Councillor asks Borough Council to support harbour residents.

In response to Sovereign Harbour residents' concerns over the increase in the 2014 Marina Rent Charge, Cllr Patrick Warner tabled the following motion to be discussed at this month's meeting of the full Borough Council:

"This Council accepts that residents have every right to feel that they were failed from the outset and for them to consider that fairness was not at the heart of the agreement which sees a charge put on Harbour residents alone to maintain sea defences. Furthermore, members will instruct officers to look into how best this council can contribute to righting the historic wrongs and ensure that fairness is at the heart of any new agreement in future."

In the event, under pressure from the controlling group, the motion was severely watered down, but the revised motion calling on the council

to assist residents in getting a better deal was unanimously approved.

The time has surely come for officers of the Environment Agency to acknowledge that they failed in their duty to the public and work with residents and the Borough Council to put in place a strategy to halt the constant cycle of shingle loss and replenishment and remove the unfair burden placed on harbour residents by their failures.

Sovereign Harbour must be integrated into the Holywell to Cooden strategy.

As a first step, it is essential that the recommendations of the 2003 report are implemented and the groynes at Sovereign Harbour are brought up to the standard of those on the rest of the Eastbourne seafront, at no cost to harbour residents.

Following that, it is also essential that the beach crest should be protected by rock revetment, similar to those forming the harbour arms, or by other means that would give a similar level of protection.

We live in hope.

Sovereign Harbour Community Association (SHCA) Update

2014 looks like being a very busy year for the SHCA. The Association has joined with the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour and other local groups in producing the harbour community's entry for the Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival (Saturday 31st May) and in organising the 2014 Harbour Walk (Sunday 8th June).

The Short Mat Bowls Group is flourishing and is now over-subscribed, with a waiting list of prospective members, and the Drama Group is working hard on the carnival entry.

However, the main activity for the Association, conditional on the approval of Sovereign Harbour Ltd's planning application for the remaining harbour development sites and the conclusion of a satisfactory s106 agreement, will be working with the SHRA to ensure the successful delivery of the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre.

For more information, visit:

www.sh-ca.org

www.harbourwalk.info

www.carnivalcrew.info

Harbour Walk 2014

Registration is now open for the 2014 Harbour Walk, which will take place on Sunday 8th June. As in previous years, walkers are encouraged to bring along their dogs

Registration fee is £10 and walkers are encouraged to obtain personal sponsorship. Local businesses are also invited to sponsor the event through the harbour walk website. All proceeds from the walk will be divided between the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour's nominated charity, "Combat Stress" and the SHCA's Community Centre Fund.

Walkers can register online or by post; full details can be found on www.harbourwalk.info.

RNLI Update

by Bob Jeffery



The eroding cliffs especially in the Birling Gap area has dominated local news of late but despite the constant warnings people are still putting themselves, and the rescue services called to help them, at risk.

On the lifeboat we get to see a different perspective of the cliffs, from the bottom the large overhangs are obvious, whereas from the cliff top they are less visible.

Recently we copied a photo to our Twitter feed showing the precise moment a large piece of cliff fell to the beach below with members of the public standing a few metres away.

When we queried the sense of being so close we received the answer that they were 'at a safe distance' because they were behind the plastic warning tape. I for one will not be relying on a strip of plastic tape to save my life!

**Keep clear of unstable cliffs
warning tapes are no protection**

We've given this advice before but it's worth reiterating here that the cliffs are extremely unstable and keep well away from the edge and make sure dogs are on a lead because our canine friends don't heed warning tape and owners might well be tempted to chase after their pets into dangerous areas.

Also at the time of writing the steps at Birling Gap are closed for safety reasons so there is currently no escape from the rising tide – please check your tide charts before venturing onto the beach in this area.

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An emergency license was granted to Premier Marinas for removing the shingle bank which has built up in the entrance to Sovereign Harbour.

One of the reasons for this work was cited in the application as being necessary "because Eastbourne lifeboat could not leave the harbour at low tide". We would like to point out that the lifeboat has never been unable to leave harbour even at the very lowest tides recorded.

Shingle clearance not for the benefit of the lifeboat.

Seafarers and residents can rest assured that we will respond to a call for help at any time.

The draught of the lifeboat (the amount of boat under the waterline) is a mere 1.4 metres which is considerably less than the majority of other vessels using the marina.

ESCC

Mobile Office



The East Sussex County Council Mobile Office visits Sovereign Harbour every Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm.

You can find it in the lay-by adjacent to the Waterfront Car Park, near the Yacht Club.

A number of services are provided, including:

- Free Internet Access
- Self-service e-mail facilities
- Help with local council enquiries
- Adult learning opportunities
- Basic IT courses

The mobile office can accommodate up to four computer users, and also has a printer/scanner.

The mobile office provides a very useful service but, in these difficult financial times, it is under pressure to justify the cost.

You don't need to make an appointment; just turn up and the very friendly staff will look after you.

Harbour Clubs and Societies

For more information,
visit: www.shra.co.uk

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 £15 per year (27p per week!) this is a bargain.

For further information please contact Brenda on 01323 470114 or Gilly on 01323 470366, or visit:

www.harbourfriends.co.uk.

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

eastsussexmvs@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07738-286373.

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

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

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
president@rotarysh.org.

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 Betty Saunders on 01323-479514.

www.harbourseniors.co.uk

Veterans' Football

The Vets Football Team has now been running successfully for almost six years. Membership is now, unfortunately, fully subscribed, but there is a waiting list.

For more information, or to join the Vet's Football waiting list, contact: Frank Milmoie on 07771-610158, or visit:

www.shvets.org.uk

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

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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.com

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

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Please call Mari-Anne (fully qualified and insured) on 07748-678030. or visit:

www.strollersandtoners.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,

call Alan on 01323-645893 or e-mail:

info@sh-bc.info.

SHCA Short Mat Bowls Group

The Sovereign Harbour Community Association Short Mat Bowls Group meets every Thursday, in term time, at the Haven School, Atlantic Drive, from 6:30pm - 9:00pm.

Players of all abilities welcome, including complete beginners. For more information, visit:

www.sh-ca.org

Sovereign Singers & Polyphony

Sovereign Singers and Sovereign Polyphony are all female choirs that perform in aid of the Eastbourne Blind Society. Membership of Sovereign Polyphony is auditioned, but membership of Sovereign Singers is not. New members are welcome.

For more information, call 01323 470445 or email:

sovereignpolyphony@uwclub.net

or visit: sovereignpolyphony.com

The Haven Church

The Haven Church meets every Sunday Morning at 10am in the hall of the Haven School on Atlantic Drive.

All are welcome. We have a relaxed and informal style with a joined Church of England and Methodist heritage. There is a supervised crèche and groups for primary-aged children.

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

Minister: Revd. John Brook - 01323-325989

For more information or to get in touch:

www.thehavenchurch.org.uk

john@thehavenchurch.org.uk

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

New members welcome - boaters and non-boaters. Activities & events all year - live bands & disco's, quiz, skittles & race nights, Sunday carvery etc etc. Tue-Thur 5-11pm, Fri-Sat 12-11pm & Sun 12-6pm. Call in anytime, or contact the membership secretary, Julie Cronin on 01323 470888 or e-mail:

membership@shyc.co.uk

website: www.shyc.co.uk

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

by Adrian Peckham



During the close season between January and March, club members have been busy painting the club inside and out, cleaning the balcony and patio areas and servicing the safety boats.

Much of the beach in front of the club had been swept away in the storms and we were very pleased when the diggers returned to restore our beach profile a couple of weeks ago.

When the sun did finally decide to shine and the gales had blown out, the club was delighted to welcome 140 of the country's best Laser dinghy sailors for an open meeting on the 15/16 of March.

Club welcomed 140 of the country's best Laser sailors.

This event was one of the largest the club has hosted in recent years and attracted the best Laser sailors from around the country aiming to qualify to compete in the Laser World championships in Poland.

The fleet was led by members of the Olympic Development Squad, who are pretty well full time professional sailors, with the rear brought by a few ambitious club sailors who fancied 'giving it a go'.

With the sun shining brightly they were a sight to behold and many pictures have been posted in the club's Flickr site, accessible via our website. With the support of our good neighbour sailing clubs in Eastbourne and Bexhill we were able to provide safety cover from 12 boats, albeit with mild and light winds, they were not in great demand.

Club sailing restarted on 23rd March.

Club sailing started again on the 23rd of March with the regular Sunday racing bringing the more hardy members back to the water.

We'll train our newer members on the safety boats at the beginning of April, run 'start to sail' and 'improver' courses on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from the middle of the month and will start our Saturday cadet training towards the end of April.

New weekend caterers - Pistachios

We've new weekend caterers, Pistachios, who also run the Princes Park Cafe , who made a great start serving our 250 or so guests during the recent Laser open.



The clubhouse will be open Saturdays and Sunday's from the 29th March, so if you are a new or returning sailor and want to see what we are up to, do drop by enjoy a cup of tea and cake and chat to one of the members about our various activities on and off the water or drop me an email.

Adrian Peckham, Sailing Secretary
sailingsecretary@pbsc.eu
www.pbsc.eu

Harbour Friends Update

by Faz Razeen and Yvonne Atkinson

Spring has sprung. At the time of writing in the third week of March 2014, warmer and drier weather is on the way for the East Sussex region. At last it is exciting to feel the warmth from this month onwards showing a sign of 'spring is in the air', certainly you can feel spring around the harbour area after we experienced a record breaking wet winter.

If you need reminding, it was the stormiest UK weather for the last 20 years with winter storms and floods badly affecting some parts of the country.

Whatever the weather, the members of Harbour Friends social group can always pop out on a Wednesday evening for some lively chat, discussion and socialising in the main bar of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Anyone who is new to the harbour area or does not know about Harbour Friends is welcome to join the association.

Why not come along on a Wednesday evening and introduce yourselves? We meet from 7:30pm onwards. We can assure you there is always somebody there to welcome you and arrange for you to be included in the 2014 membership at a very reasonable annual cost of £15 per person.

Harbour Friends is now Nine Years Old.

The Harbour Friends AGM was held at the SHYC on the 22nd January 2014. Dave Hawkins presided over the meeting, which went well. A vote of thanks for all their hard work in the past was given to Elaine Levy, Gilly Smith and Jim Powell, who were standing down from the Committee. Three new committee members were elected – Lynda Hawkins, Faz Razeen and Yvonne Atkinson. The meeting was followed by a Beetle Drive, which proved to be good fun and enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to Charles Herrod for hosting the event.

The Harbour Friends 9th Birthday Party and Quiz held on the 26th February was another

successful evening, which went extremely well with a fabulous quiz hosted by Dave and Lynda Hawkins. There was another good turnout of members on the night and everyone appeared to have enjoyed their lovely birthday cake and wine.

A day trip to Chichester (by train) on the 15th March was organised by Bryan Drewett. Besides organising a lovely restaurant for lunch (Marco at No 1), Bryan managed to choose one of the sunniest days in the month of March to enjoy Chichester. It seems all thirty members had a lovely day and enjoyed a taste of history about Chichester Cathedral, which is famous for its modern art and commissioned mainly during the late 20th Century. These include a window by Marc Chagall, a tapestry by John Piper and a painting by Graham Sutherland. However, the art in the Cathedral is not all modern, it also contains some wonderful early objects including the 12th century Lazarus Reliefs and the Lambert Barnard paintings. One of the delights of the building is the successful fusion of the ancient and the modern.

Harbour Friends has a programme of activities ready for 2014.

Harbour Friends have some activities arranged for 2014, however there will be further programme updates in the next issue, currently the following social outings and evenings are ongoing:

Tuesday 25th March – A French themed evening at Seasons – this is now sold out.

Sunday 27th April – Ten pin bowling at David Lloyd.

Sunday 25th May – a day coach trip to Bruges, Belgium. Bruges is a lovely town of canals, cobbled lanes, steeples and bells with Gothic, Romanesque and Renaissance architecture. So lots for everyone to see including the possibility of a trip to the chocolate factory!

We are hoping to have a family picnic day to include rounders and a BBQ in May/June. Also we are planning a treasure hunt. We will update you about these and other activities in future issues of Waterlines.

For further information please check out the contact details in our regular listing in the centre pages or visit our website at www.harbourfriends.co.uk

South Harbour Water Feature



by Water Feature Action Group

The Water Feature Action Group (W FAG), the Columbus Point Residents Association (CPRA) and the Dominica Court Residents Association continue to press the developer, Persimmon Homes, to reach a negotiated settlement to the long-standing issues surrounding the maintenance and future of the massive South Harbour water feature.

There are proposals on the table that are being discussed and our MP, Stephen Lloyd, and local councillor, Gordon Jenkins, are actively involved in the negotiations.

Obtaining Legal Advice

In view of the worrying 'Letter Before Claim' documents sent to property owners by solicitors in January, a legal fighting fund was quickly established by CPRA that attracted a lot of support with a majority of affected owners signing up to it. That group has now instructed a specialist solicitor and is in the process of obtaining legal advice on the matter.

Over the past eight months the developer has carried out a great deal of work on the feature, and although the rather vivid 'lido' blue may not have been everyone's first choice of colour, the feature looks better now than it has done for a long time. There are still some parts of the feature that require attention, for example the lights are still not working properly, and we will be seeking certificates and guarantees on the repairs and replacements that have been made, but at least we now have a water feature with water in it!

The local residents and property owners have been magnificent in their determination not to be browbeaten by the legal and financial pressures received over the past couple of years and we hope that their resolve, along with the twin strands of continued negotiations and forthcoming legal advice, will lead to an agreeable and sustainable settlement in the not too distant future.

For further information please visit the WFAG web site: www.waterfeature.eu

Special Offer for Members



Inner Beauty is proud to celebrate its fifth successful year in business at its Waterfront Salon, and would like to thank all its clients for their support.

To celebrate their fifth Birthday they are offering **50% off** treatments throughout the month of May, for all new and existing clients. Please Quote 'BIRTHDAY' to get 50% discount.

50% off treatments throughout May.

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The birthday offer is valid from 1st to 31st May 2014, for a maximum of two, hour treatments per person per day, (excludes CACI courses).

For more information, or to make a booking, call 01323-479451 or visit: www.innerbeautyeastbourne.co.uk.

Special offer for Residents

The Harbour Orthodontic Centre is pleased to welcome a new dentist, Mr. Alex Lass, to the team.

Alex is pleased to offer free consultations to all residents of the Harbour and he looks forward to welcoming new patients to the practice.

Free consultations.

The practice is located on the first floor of the Waterfront (opposite the Garden Bar) so please either pop in to arrange an appointment or telephone on 472100.

Neighbourhood First Update

by



Simon Crouch

Paul Boyce

01323-410000

customerfirst@eastbourne.gov.uk

Your team of three Neighbourhood advisors has been proactively inspecting and reporting issues around Sovereign Harbour; environmental crime, graffiti and fly tipping are low.

There has been a littering problem on land not managed by EBC especially around ASDA. The team have arranged litter picks with Asda staff as part of their community days, and have also used budget we hold for clearing 'grot spots' in an attempt to drive up standards.

The advisor's role is not only to fix the problem, it is to find a long term solution so they will be working with various landowners to seek improvements. If anyone has any nominations for a grot spot that needs improving please pass it on to the team.

Responsible dog ownership is a priority for 2014

In addition to the patrols we carry out, dog fouling, and dogs not under control, are issues that are reported by the public. Although the majority of dog owners both pick up after their dogs, and keep them under control, responsible dog ownership is a priority of our Service and Financial Plan for 2014. A project group has been set-up to coordinate this across the Borough.

- We have already booked the Dogs Trust to undertake 12 free Micro Chipping events in different locations around the town for 2014.

This will give us the opportunity to engage with dog owners that may not be as responsible as some.

- We have booked PDSA to do a week of free health Checks for Dogs, again so we can reach some of the less responsible dog owners.
- We are going to work in Partnership with the Dog Trust to run education events in Schools, including the Haven, as a way of reaching parents.
- We are going to hold three large responsible dog ownership events, one in each zone, working with Partners, trainers and vets.
- The project group is also looking at new signs and new campaigns.

Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued.

Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to anyone we catch not picking up, but obviously when people see the uniform they tend to behave better, so the Neighbourhood First team are examining all aspects of the life of a dog to spot opportunities to intervene in this problem as this is a clear example of the need to change behaviour in a hard to reach minority.

Amiee's condition is the consequence of a thoughtless dog owner

Toxocariasis
An infection which is spread by dog mess

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Contact Tim Whelan 24/7
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Community Police Update

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This time we want to focus on a very different subject from the usual in this column; domestic violence.

Domestic violence continues in our society to go under reported. Many years ago people took the opinion that what goes on behind closed doors is none of our business; however when it comes to domestic violence this couldn't be further from the truth.

Victims of domestic violence often feel pressured not to report assaults, controlling behaviour, or other similar actions. Sussex Police is one of the leading forces nationally to seek to identify offenders, prosecute them robustly, and reduce re-offending.

Reports of domestic violence are always taken seriously by Police.

We will always take reports seriously, and investigate them thoroughly. We would rather receive a call regarding concern for yourself, friends or neighbours than not. And we will always be available to give advice and support to victims at every turn.

There is a wealth of information on www.sussex.police.uk (click on the Domestic Abuse icon at the top right of the page). More useful advice can also be found on the "White Ribbon Campaign" website' www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk

People should always feel safe and secure in their homes, and we pledge to do everything we can to support that, and stamping out domestic violence is a key part of that.

As always you can contact us about this or any other problem in your neighbourhood, we will do our best to help.

Sovereign Harbour Innovation Mall



On Tuesday 4th March, the Eastbourne Planning Committee gave the go ahead for the £6 million investment of an Innovation Centre on site six in Sovereign Harbour.

The proposal to build a three storey employment centre on site six, opposite the Harbour Medical Centre, was given unanimous approval by the committee. The development will bring much needed employment opportunities, not only to the harbour, but to Eastbourne as a whole.

Work is expected to begin in April

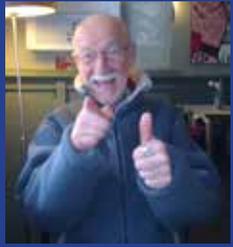
The building will give small and start-up businesses the space to grow and establish themselves, it will also bring the opportunity for larger, already established businesses, to move to a new state of the art building.

The Project will be managed by Sea Change Sussex, a not-for-profit economic development company for the county, working to expand the area's economy and business community.

It is expected that work will begin in April, and that the Innovation Mall will be open for business in 2015.

"Opinions"

by Michael Morland



What is it about "Waterlines" influence!! Having started life as a hub of "information and news" representing Sovereign Harbour Residents its influence via its incorporation of "Opinions" (itself renewed as a result of its new photo heading that obviously has such a strong National appeal) appears to be taking on a life of its own.

Harbour Residents obviously a touch reticent about partaking first hand in "Opinions" coffee mornings have obviously unknowingly transported "Waterlines" to various parts of the country where people have been intrigued and inspired by the dynamism of Sovereign Harbours ... "Waterlines" inspired ... "Community Spirit".

Opinions coffee mornings have, unknowingly, transported Waterlines to various parts of the country.

As I have indicated before "Opinions" disputed popularity has from its inception been more popular outside the physical limits of the Harbour, a unique fact in itself ... its freedom inspiring constructive reaction and contribution relative to the countries sustainable future it now appears to be spreading on a National scale and in doing so taking on a character all of its own.

For example Jill and John from Blofield just outside Norwich have obviously been treated to viewing "Waterlines" and inspired by "Opinions" made contact in true Norfolk dialect with the following "Givis a wave" and "Ha yer gotta lite boy".

Others have expressed the relevance of "Waterlines" title to the recent flooding

levels! Norfolk has a lot to learn and may be "Waterlines" via Opinions will help bridge the intellectual divide! So as promised "Opinions" appears to have quite naturally updated itself onto a National platform that will hopefully stimulate and attract interesting connective views and exchanges across a wide range of issues equally relevant to Harbour residents as we are all part of the same Nation ... even Norfolk!

Unfortunately this means the next coffee meet will be at "The Yare PH" at Brundall (down by the Broads) which is quite a stretch for a coffee. Don't worry the numbers attending can't be less than here at the "Waterfront"!!

In view of "Opinions" spreading appeal I respectfully suggest residents do not take a copy of "Waterlines" abroad as "Opinions" quite honestly could just not cope with the inevitable "comment demand" ... although we do, however, have in-house Spanish and French interpreters!

I'll finish leaving you with this "Opinion" ... "Harbour Friends Christmas Party" was one of the most enjoyable get together events experienced for some time ... well done to all who managed and especially those who let their hair down on the dance floor as individuals and in groups ... WOW! ... excellent.

Volunteers Urgently Needed



Volunteers are urgently needed to work in the gift shop of the Countryside Centre at Beachy Head.

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