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Harbour
Walk
2014



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There's Still Time to Join the 2014 Harbour Walk

The 2014 walk will be held on Sunday 8th June and will use the same route as in previous years.

For the 2014 event, the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour and the Sovereign Harbour Community Association (SHCA) are working together to make this the biggest and best walk yet.



Let's
showcase
the Harbour
and make
this the best
Harbour
Walk ever!



This year, the proceeds will be split evenly between the nominated Rotary charity, Combat Stress, and the SHCA Community Centre fund.

As in 2012 and 2013, participants are strongly encouraged to bring along their dogs. However, this is limited to one dog per walker, and they must be kept on a short lead.

Entry costs just £5 so, if you would like to join the walk, and support the worthy causes, you can register in advance on www.harbourwalk.info.

However, you can, if you wish, just turn-up on 8th June at 11:30am behind Cineworld in the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park. Let's showcase the harbour and make this the best walk ever.

The Sinking of the "SS Barn Hill"

If you've walked along the North Harbour beach at low tide, you might have seen large objects protruding from the water opposite Macquarie Quay and wondered what they were. What you saw was the remains of the "SS Barn Hill", which was sunk by a German bomber on 20th March 1940.



Photo courtesy of Pevensey Bar Sailing Club

The first bombing raids on coastal towns and shipping started in 1940 and, late in the evening of 20th March, the 5,439 ton British Merchant ship, "SS Barn Hill" was attacked by a lone German Dornier 17 bomber off Beachy Head, setting it on fire and killing four crew members; a fifth died later in hospital. Seven others were injured, but survived



The ship, badly damaged, drifted out of control along the coast. The Eastbourne Lifeboat, the "Jane Holland" was launched and was quickly aside the stricken ship, taking 28 men ashore.

There was no sign of the captain, but it was later discovered that he had been blown from the bridge to the foredeck. Badly injured, he crawled to the forecastle where he managed to ring the ship's bell by gripping the rope in his teeth. The "Jane Holland" returned, accompanied by the Newhaven tug "Foremost"



In heavy seas, two members of the lifeboat crew, Alec Huggett and Thomas Allchorn, were put aboard the burning ship by the "Foremost" and made their way forward, protecting themselves from the flames with fire hoses from the tug.

The lifeboat was brought alongside and the captain was lowered aboard and taken ashore where he was transferred to hospital.

The "Jane Holland" returned to the blazing ship carrying members of the Fire Brigade to fight the fire but, pushed by the wind, it drifted past the Eastbourne seafront watched by hundreds of people, eventually running aground where it now rests.



Next year, 2015, sees the seventy-fifth anniversary of the event, and a project is being proposed to commemorate it with an information board on the beach adjacent to the wreck. More information will be published in the August issue of Waterlines.

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Householder permitted development rights are set out in Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 and amended by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No.2) (England). These were further updated in 2013 and 2014.

Full details of the legislation can be found on the Department of Communities and Local

Government website.

However, Planning officers have confirmed that "permitted development" rights for extensions and outbuildings, which would result in additional ground coverage, do not apply for the whole of the North Harbour, and some areas of the South Harbour; this does not apply to permitted rights for dormer extensions.

Permitted development rights removed for all North Harbour and parts of South Harbour

Property owners wishing to extend their homes in this way should be aware that they must apply for planning permission, but no fee would be charged.

However, a fee will still be charged for applications for extensions which would not have come within the scope of the permitted development rules.

Before undertaking any development, checks should be undertaken with the Eastbourne Borough Council Planning Department to determine whether any restrictions on permitted development have been made.

PCDL

Update

By Ian Thomas



As last winter gradually becomes a distant memory, it is safe to consider how close we came to having a major flooding incident in Pevensey Bay. It was certainly an unusual winter, with a lot more extreme weather than is the norm. Of course there is no such thing as an average summer, or an average winter, and statistics used to define them are taken over decades if not centuries.

A look at historical records shows that the twentieth century had periods – sometimes decades – that were particularly wet, windy, warm or sunny. Thus it is dangerous to read too much into how our weather is changing from what are very short meteorological periods.

The sea defences are designed to withstand storms of up to 1:400 years

Coastal conditions are particularly sensitive to combinations of factors. For instance, if it is windy enough, trees will be blown over; if it rains enough, certain places will flood. On the coast, having exceptionally high water levels, or the biggest waves does not always mean there will be danger. Coastal flooding only occurs in response to a series of events all coming together at the same time; Big waves from the right (or wrong) direction need to coincide with a significant storm surge and the peak of the tidal cycle. The sea defences are designed to withstand storms of up to 1:400 years, which, fortunately, do not occur that often. However, in a typical winter there will be at least one spring tide period where all the elements needed to produce a 1:400 year storm will occur. Crucially, if separated by just a few hours, then their effect is dramatically less. Although winter 2013-14 didn't produce a 1:400 year storm, it came a lot closer than in other recent winters.

The first significant storm was on 6th December, when the east coast was affected by the highest

water levels since the 1953 floods. This was measured as a 1:50 year event on water level alone, but as there were no waves on the south coast, the effects were minimal. Part of Newhaven flooded, as did Shoreham airport. On Christmas Eve, we experienced 1:50 year waves, but on a 6.2m CD tide its effects, too, were lessened.

It was the incessant nature of this late winter weather that made it difficult to keep the defences in place.

This proved to be just the start, with two 1:5 storms at New Year, then a 1:10, two 1:20 and a 1:50 year storm in February, with a final 1:50 year event on 3rd March. From a maintenance point of view, it was the incessant nature of this late winter weather that made it difficult to keep the defences in place. It was the only winter when we have dump trucks working continually, from New Year's Eve through to 15th April.

On the other hand, there was no flooding, although I am sure there was some overtopping at times. Most of the worst storms seemed to come along at night, so no visual estimation could be made, but the evidence was often there the following morning. It was a challenging period, and at times it seemed as though it would never end. Throughout we had the support and gratitude of almost everyone I saw or spoke to. I received cards, e-mails, telephone calls and visitors all of whom expressed their thanks for the work that was done on their behalf. Of course most of that was done by the machine drivers, and I have passed on to Ovenden copies of all the written messages received, which was just under 80. This is not something they are used to, as complaints regarding noise, vibration and dust normally come their way. On behalf of all involved, I would like to thank everyone who sent us these kind messages. They were all very much appreciated.

Hopefully last winter will not be repeated for many years to come, but with eleven years of the sea defence contract remaining, all residents can be assured the service provided so far will be continued.

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PCDL this year received a Gold Award from the Considerate Constructors Scheme, the first time after years of bronze and silver. Only

90 sites reached this level from nearly 9,000 sites registered in 2013, so it is a significant achievement.

Considerate Constructors Gold Award

One of the comments made by the site monitor related to complimentary letters and e-mails received from local residents. Ian Thomas of PCDL said: "I have not tried to count the number of e-mails, letters, cards, telephone calls and personal visits I have had since January thanking us for all the work done this winter, but it must be close to 100. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has sent a message as each and every one is very much appreciated, especially by machine drivers who are more used to complaints than compliments. And they undoubtedly helped raise our profile with the Scheme monitor as well, so thank you again."

Sovereign Harbour Master Plan

The Master Plan for the completion of the Sovereign Harbour development took a step forward when the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government decided not to "call-in" the planning application.

In coming to his decision, the Secretary of State considered the Government's commitment to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should, wherever possible, be made at the local level..

Implementation of plan gets closer

The final hurdle to be overcome before development can begin is the conclusion of the s106 agreement that will determine the scope of construction and the amount of social infrastructure that developers will be obliged to provide.

RNLI Update by Bob Jeffery



In the hope that we are not tempting providence, we have had a relatively quiet start to the year with approximately half the call-outs to date than we have experienced in recent years.

Calls for the all-weather lifeboat have been relatively routine, the majority being to recover vessels with various mechanical breakdowns.



The inshore boat unfortunately has had more than the usual amount of casualty recoveries at the notorious suicide area of Beachy Head. Whilst these recoveries are handled with dignity and respect it remains a sometimes traumatic experience for the volunteer crew.

Special presentation to RNLI fundraisers

On a brighter note a very special presentation took place at the RNLI Fundraisers AGM recently. Two specially commissioned prints of a water colour by local artist Andy Dunbar were

presented to Canon Bob Butler and Dr Colin Mckee by the crew of Eastbourne lifeboats to thank them for their lifetime contribution to the station spanning a combined total of nearly 80 years. Both men have stepped down from active service, Cannon Bob as Honorary Lifeboat Chaplain and Dr Mckee as Lifeboat Medical Advisor. Bob has been associated with the station for over 42 years and has officiated at numerous events throughout that time from the dedication of every new lifeboat to conducting wedding ceremonies for crew members. Colin remains Chairman of the Lifeboat Management Group.

Part of the entrance channel to Sovereign Harbour has now been partially dredged but areas of shallow water remain.

Mariners are advised to check with Premier Marinas for latest depth soundings before attempting to navigate the entrance. Eastbourne lifeboats continue to be able to negotiate the marina at low water.

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.



Cohub is a community of individuals sharing a purpose built workspace in central Eastbourne.

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www.cohub.co.uk

SHRA Annual General Meeting 2014

About 110 members attended the SHRA AGM at the Haven School on the evening of Thursday 15th May.

The chairman, Jan Weeks, presented the committee report for the past year. Jan explained how the work undertaken by the SPD working group with members and officers of the Borough Council and the owners of the remaining harbour development land had culminated in Sovereign Harbour Ltd's Master Plan, which was given approval by the Planning Committee.

Association's finances sound

The Treasurer, Peter Thomas, presented the accounts for the year 2013/2014, and told members that the association was in a sound financial position. Contributions from new members, and income from Waterlines sponsorship was more than sufficient to cover operating expenses and provide contributions to good causes.

No nominations had been received for election to the committee, other than the current members. As required by the constitution, the existing committee stood down and was then unanimously re-elected for the coming year.

Rick Runalls joins SHT board

The members were told that, in response to the huge increase in the Marina Rent Charge and the anger it had caused, the Association had briefed counsel to obtain a legal opinion of the validity of the Charge. Rick Runalls said that he had accepted an offer to join the board of the Sovereign Harbour Trust and hoped to work with existing board member, Cllr Patrick Warner to make the Trust more transparent.

Tim Whelan from EBC Customer First explained the structure of the new organisation and answered members questions.

Stephen Lloyd MP and Cllrs Tutt and Elkin paid tribute to the work of the SHRA and all looked forward to seeing the hard work come to fruition.

The full report will be published on the SHRA website, with the minutes of the meeting, in due course.

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, this is a bargain.

For further information please contact Brenda on 01323 470114 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. **Membership now fully subscribed**

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

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. Also, Social events for players and their families

For more information, or to join the Vet's Football waiting list, contact: Frank Milmoie on 07443 495453 , 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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visit: www.shra.co.uk

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.

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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

Harbour Friends Update

by Faz Razeen and Yvonne Atkinson

When one thinks of the month of June one conjures up thoughts of sunny days, long evenings, BBQ's, Pimms and strawberries. There are many sporting events including Royal Ascot, Goodwood Festival of Speed, Wimbledon and of course our very own local Eastbourne Aegon International Tennis Tournament – this year celebrating the 40th year of this event. Naturally, we are all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather and a brilliant summer.

However, the above are national events and you may be wondering what the Harbour Friends have been up to since the last edition of Waterlines.

We are pleased to report that 42 members who attended the French themed evening at Seasons had a most enjoyable evening. It was such a success it is planned to hold a similar evening later in the calendar.

Ten Pin Bowling: Sixteen Harbour Friends members took to the tenpin bowling lanes on Sunday 27th April at the David Lloyd centre for some friendly competition.



This event organised and overseen by Dave Hawkins was enjoyed by all those that took part and after two games of bowling there followed an individual prize giving ceremony in the bar. Lynda Hawkins (last minute stand in for Barbara Ridlington) ended up top scorer for the ladies followed by Sue Jones. In the men's category it was Grant Jones in top spot, followed closely by Paul Ridlington.

Those high scorers all received bottles of wine for their efforts. At the other end of the scale "must try harder awards" (tiny bottles of wine) were also awarded to the lowest two scores, whose names are omitted to protect dignity. All in all a good fun evening that we hope to repeat sometime in the future.

At the time of writing a Treasure Hunt is being organised – hopefully in early July. Members will be e-mailed once the details have been finalized.

Treasure Hunt early in July

It is wonderful to welcome new faces, who come along to the SHYC on a Wednesday evening and join Harbour Friends. For further information about Harbour Friends please check out the contact details in our regular listing in the centre pages or visit our website at www.harbourfriends.co.uk

Just a note to remind our young and old folks in and around Sovereign Harbour that the Sussex Police have exposed scam mail fraud targeting the vulnerable.

Sussex Police has become the first force to quantify the scale of a scam mail fraud which is costing pensioners millions of pounds.

Criminals worldwide are sending millions of scam letters into the UK targeting elderly, vulnerable members of our communities. For many vulnerable people, the bombardment of scam mail results in fear, severe financial difficulties and ultimately a decline in both physical and mental health.

South Harbour Water Feature

by Water Feature Action Group



In mid-April bundles of High Court legal claim documents (summonses) were delivered to over 250 South Harbour properties on behalf of developers Persimmon/Aria and CPMCL (the services company set up and controlled by Persimmon to manage the water feature). The summonses, which named

over 400 defendants (joint owners are served individually), required property owners to pay claimed arrears of service charges (that we have always disputed), and to obtain declarations from the court that all relevant owners are required to pay the water feature service charge in future.

Property owners obliged to sign new Deeds of Covenant

The court papers included an official offer (a Part 36 Offer) from Aria/CPMCL to the effect that if a defendant signed a new Deed of Covenant (the document that binds property owners to pay for the water feature's upkeep), the high court claim would be withdrawn and all claimed service charges to 30th April 2014 (averaging over £1300 per household) would be waived in full.

Legal challenge abandoned on grounds of cost

The Water Feature Action Group (WFAG), the Columbus Point Residents Association (CPRA) and the Dominica Court Residents Association (DCRA) considered mounting a legal challenge by defending the case in the high court. However, after much debate, consultation and legal advice, it was recognised that mounting a full defence would be very expensive. Moreover, the community as a whole risked losing the introduction of a common and standard (albeit unpopular) covenant. Instead we proposed that the WFAG, DCRA and CPRA would support the signing of the new deed as per the Part 36 offer, if Aria Homes agreed to apply the previously negotiated "global offer".

Developer to pay £175,000 plus transfer of management company to new board

The "global offer" covers the payment of £175,000 by Aria to CPMCL, plus the transfer of the management of CPMCL to a new Board of Directors consisting of and directly elected by CPMCL members (the property owners). The condition for activation of this offer was that at

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least 80% of property owners would sign the new deed of covenant.

Following a lot of effort by members of WFAG, CPRA and DCRA and the tremendous support of a large majority of owners, the 80% sign-up rate (which equated to 295 properties) has been achieved and Aria Homes have confirmed that it will fulfil its side of the bargain. Aria's solicitors (Clarke Willmott) should now ensure that the legal action against those who have accepted the offer is quickly withdrawn, while the WFAG will work closely with Aria Homes to bring about the handover of CPMCL to its members, with the £175K pump-priming funding intact and free of encumbrances and liabilities.

Stephen Lloyd MP has organised a meeting between Persimmon/Aria/CPMCL, EBC officials and representative of WFAG, CPRA and DCRA for early June. With the vast majority of property owners having now signed their new Deeds of Covenant we hope we shall be able to make further progress on this long-running matter.

Please see the WFAG web site for further information www.waterfeature.eu

Neighbourhood First Report

by



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Upcoming events in June:

- Recycling day. A stall will be set-up in Sovereign Harbour, date, time and place are still to be confirmed. All advisors will be in the area informing residents in flats what they can recycle and in which bins.
- Operation Amie. An event will be held on the harbour walkways in mid-June to highlight the dangers of dog fouling.

You can meet your Neighbourhood Advisors when they're out and about on patrol or at Neighbourhood Police street meetings. Advisors also attend the ward councillors' surgeries on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30am to 12:30pm in Simply Italian.

During May, amongst other activities, the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Advisors:

- Carried out regular foot patrols in the area (all three advisors).
- Attended street meetings with the Eastbourne East Neighbourhood Policing Team..
- Attended the Sovereign Ward councillors' monthly surgery.

"Report it" data shows that fourteen issues were recorded for Sovereign Harbour. These included; damaged litter bins; Full dog bins; path maintenance and dog fouling. There were also three complaints of excessive noise in Sovereign.

Customer First data shows that for Eastbourne, there were 160 reports of fly tipping; 60 reports of litter and 20 reports of dog fouling

Weed spraying on South Harbour roundabouts and all harbour promenades

Weed spraying is taking place on the block paving around South Harbour roundabouts as they are looking very untidy.

Dog fouling is still an issue, the Borough Council is working on "Operation Amie" patrols. We are constantly speaking to dog owners ensuring they have dog bags and are keeping dogs on leads.

Weed spraying will be taking place in June, covering the whole of Sovereign Harbour.



Hearing Link is a UK hearing loss charity with its head office based in Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne. It is for people who have developed any level of hearing loss and their family and friends.

The charity connects people to information, support and each other, and in doing so helps people to transform their lives. It aims to equip people with the knowledge, skills, confidence and contacts so they can manage the practical and emotional challenges that hearing loss brings.

If you or a loved one has hearing loss, Hearing Link is a great point of contact.

It has a help desk, runs specialist courses, and offers a variety of other support services.

It also encourages involvement through a membership scheme, volunteer network, and initiatives that aim to improve understanding of the needs and concerns of people with hearing loss.

Visit: www.hearinglink.org for further

information, or contact Hearing Link today at 27-28 The Waterfront, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN23 5UZ; Tel/Text 0300 111 1113; SMS: 07526 123255 or email helpdesk@hearinglink.org.

Harbour WI

by Judy Latter

The May meeting was held a week later than usual, on the 19th due to unforeseen circumstances. This led to the Craft Club being cancelled and, as it's a bank holiday, the 4th Monday Club was also cancelled!

This was made up for by the Lunch Club having two outings – lunch at the Two Trees at Little Common on the 16th May and a 'Bring and Buy' plus Afternoon Tea on the 22nd May at the Langham Hotel with proceeds going to the Harbour WI's chosen charity. Both were very much enjoyed by all who attended.

The meeting on the 19th May was the 'Resolution Meeting', where members voted on the chosen resolution – 'To Support Organ Donation' - after a discussion and a short talk by Julie Stone concerning her personal experience of organ donation.

This was followed by a bit of fun! – 'Speed Chatting'! With a glass of wine and some nibbles, members were encouraged to change tables and chat to other people, so that they could get to know more members. With 110 members, it can be difficult to chat to everyone! There was a lot of laughter and 'chatting'!! – No-one wanted to go home.

The Harbour WI meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Yacht Club at 2pm. Next month the speaker will be Gary Enstone on the 'Life and Times of Rudyard Kipling'.

The Craft Club meets in the Baptist Church at Pevensey Bay on the 3rd Monday of every month. At the June meeting they will be continuing with their cards and perfumed cushions.

The Lunch Club will be going to The Heron in Westham on the 30th June. There will be more information about the 4th Monday Club at the next meeting.

Other future plans include Jan's Garden Party on the 22nd July in aid of the local charity 'The JPK Project' and a trip to Chichester to the theatre to see 'Guys and Dolls' on the 27th August.

The 'Quilt Project' is making progress under the guidance of Hilary Lewis, who gave out patchwork kits. The next patchwork evening will be on the 27th May.

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

SHRA Chairman

Visits 10 Downing Street



On Wednesday 23rd April, SHRA chairman, Jan Weeks was invited to a reception at 10 Downing Street, where she met the Prime Minister, David Cameron.

Jan was nominated to attend the function by the Conservative Party's Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the 2015 elections, Caroline Ansell, for the work she has done for the Sovereign Harbour Community.

Jan said, "I feel privileged to have had the good fortune to see the inside of this historic building, especially on St George's Day, and to meet David Cameron in person."

That doesn't seem very fair

Jan took the opportunity to mention to the Prime Minister the unique charges placed on Sovereign Harbour residents for sea defences; his response was, "That doesn't seem very fair"

Community Police Update

by PC Ed Faulkner



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We receive a lot of calls and reports of incidents from residents every week, covering a wide range of matters. However the one matter that gets raised more than any other, is parking, especially around the Haven School.

To be clear, parking on the yellow “zig-zag” lines is an offence, punishable by fixed penalty notice. Our colleagues from the County Council appointment enforcement team are responsible for issues this tickets, however we both patrol this area regularly.

“Zig-zag” lines are for safety

There is one reason, and one reason only why we do this, and that is the safety of the young children as they arrive and leave school.

Children need to be able to cross the road safely, having good visibility of the road. It is amazing that some parents give such little regard to the safety of the children that they park in this area . Parking of vehicles near to the school is difficult at the best of times, however the vast majority of parents are sensible with where they park, understanding the need for safety.

It is also important to remember that Premier Marinas has kindly agreed for the car park at the end of Atlantic Drive (opposite Daytona Quay) to be used by parents picking up and dropping off; just a short walk away.

We know the school puts a lot of attention into road safety with the children, making them aware of the best places to cross.

This excellent education is undone almost instantly by their own parents breaking these most basic of rules. As ever we welcome calls or reports of incidents from all residents, our contact phone numbers are above

“Opinions”

by Michael Morland



As readers will have noticed “Opinions” via its unrivalled support from Waterlines has basically outgrown its origin.

Gatherings for coffee at Gringos have graduated into the McDonald’s chain ranging from Bexhill, Uckfield and Chelmsford and as far as “The Yare” in Blofield near Norwich, and recently abroad to L’hexagone in “Alicante” and in doing so meeting Professors from American Universities and Police from Manchester ... “escaping with only a caution” ... no that was a little joke!

With such a network base it’s obviously unfair of “Opinions” to continue to accept the wonderful supportive spirit of Waterlines. “Opinions” apologises to its local “handful” (well not quite full) of core members ... especially as the distance to the coffee meet in Alicante is not everybody’s “Cup of Tea”!

Farewell to Opinions

We never anticipated the effect Waterlines would have on our surge into wider locations and as such feel it’s only fair to vacate the generous space to “more local interests”.

So with great reluctance and sadness Opinions is withdrawing from this treasured exposure ... and wish to thanks Waterlines and its readers for their generosity and understanding.

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

by Adrian Peckham



Sailing season in full swing It's been all go now for a few weeks with the sailing season in full swing. We started Sunday racing again on the 23rd March with a dozen or so hardy sailors and this has built up steadily as the weather becomes warmer each week.

At the early part of the season we've also been training some of our newer members on helming our safety boats to ensure we have enough cover for the forthcoming sailing season.

Tuesday and Thursday evening beginners and improvers courses

Our Saturday cadet training started on the 3rd of May with our twelve topper dinghies being put to full use (see picture above). Equally we've started our Adult Tuesday and Thursday evening beginner and improver courses - drop by the club at 6:30pm and you'll see ten to twenty dinghies out on the water sailing round the buoys encouraged by our instructors in the safety boats.

Socially we had sixty members enjoying our Spanish themed evening in April and held our first impromptu Saturday evening BBQ on the roof terrace following a sunny day's sailing at the beginning of May, with a couple of families camping on our field behind the clubhouse.

As always do feel free to drop by at the weekends and take a look round and see what we are up to.

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Live Performances

at



The programme at Cineworld in the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park includes regular live theatre shows from the National Theatre, MET Opera and the Royal Shakespeare company (to name a few).

Over the next two months, there will be showings of:

12th June – NT Live: A Small Family Business (By Alan Ayckbourn).

17th June – ENO: Terry Gilliam's Benvenuto Cellini.

26th June – West End Theatre Series: Ghosts.

18th June - RSC Live: Henry IV Part 2.

24th June – Royal Opera Live: Manon Lescaut.

19th July – Andre Rieu's Maastricht 2014 (10th Anniversary) Concert.

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