



Promenades are for Pedestrians - Update

The article in the August issue of Waterlines, Promenades are for Pedestrians, and the subsequent e-Bulletin, have provoked considerable response, expressing a wide spectrum of opinion. Whatever, it has brought the issue to the fore, not just in the harbour, but across the town.

The responses ranged from well articulated arguments, from opponents and supporters of cycling on promenades, to aggressive rants and personal abuse, exclusively from opponents.

Only about 2% of residents responded

But, let's put it into perspective. The petitions were just a tool to gauge opinion; in the format they were published they would not have been accepted as evidence. Although the responses were passionate and polarised, there were in total only about 150, about 3:1 in opposition to cycling on promenades. Assuming a harbour population of about 8,000, this is about 2% of residents, so, we can assume that the majority of residents don't actually give a hoot one way or the other; a very valuable indicator.

What right does the SHRA have to try to prevent cycling on the promenades?

The main question from opponents is "What right does the SHRA have to try to prevent cycling on harbour promenades?" The main accusation was that we were all cycle haters expressing our personal prejudices; nothing

is further from the truth; the SHRA has always strongly supported safe cycling and the provision of facilities for cycling.

The proposition put forward by pro-cyclists that the SHRA's position would inevitably result in wholesale persecution of responsible cyclists is totally preposterous. The Neighbourhood Policing Team issued the following statement:

"One of the main aims of Sussex Police is keeping people safe. Officers will always act to deal with offences as and when they occur."

Cycling on the pavement, and also cycling without due care and attention are both offences. Officers can deal with these offences in a variety of ways ranging from arrest to words of advice.

The most common outcome will be a fixed penalty notice for these offences. Each incident is different and it is essential that Officers have the flexibility to deal with incidents appropriately and proportionately."

The fact is, we are not trying to stop cycling and, as the statement above indicates, that would be virtually impossible. What we are fighting for, and will continue to fight for, is that the designation of the promenades should reflect the views of residents, clearly expressed during the Sovereign Harbour SPD consultations.

Let's look at the history

Until recently, there was no problem, so let's look at the history. When the draft Eastbourne Local Development Framework Core Strategy

for the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood was presented to residents at a public consultation, attended by 486 residents at the Haven School in January 2011, some of the harbour promenades were shown as shared pedestrian/cycle routes.

There was massive opposition to the draft strategy, including the designation of the promenades, and this led to the creation of a working group to draft the Sovereign Harbour Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

During the discussions, the SH Neighbourhood Panel contacted the Eastbourne Highways Manager to establish the position and received an unequivocal response that there was never any intention that harbour promenades should be designated as shared pedestrian/cycle routes.

The SPD is the residents' vision for the neighbourhood and was endorsed by both EBC and ESCC

At a further well attended public consultation, held at the Yacht Club in June 2012, the final SPD was approved by residents, agreed by officers of Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) and East Sussex County Council (ESCC), unanimously endorsed at a meeting of the full Borough Council and ratified by the Secretary of State for communities: it is now part of the Eastbourne Plan to 2027. This document expresses Sovereign Harbour residents' vision for their neighbourhood, it was hard fought for over two years of negotiation, and we would be a pretty poor residents association if we weren't prepared to fight for it.

Participation by Sovereign Harbour residents in the LDF and SPD processes was, by a huge margin, the highest anywhere in the town; the whole process was fully documented in the Sovereign Harbour Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Statement which can be viewed at: www.shra.co.uk/pdfs/SPD_Consultation_statement_2013.pdf.

However, in February 2014 the cycling pressure group, Bespoke, apparently on the advice of one of our ward councillors took it upon itself to challenge the status quo by arbitrarily publishing a map showing all harbour promenades as designated cycle routes. This map, which clearly contradicted both the LDF Core Strategy

and the Sovereign Harbour SPD was, very surprisingly, supported by the Borough Council and distributed in the Tourist Information office.

It can be no coincidence that the increase in anti-social cycling incidents started with the publication of the map.

When the SHRA challenged the Bespoke map it was removed from the tourist office and EBC requested that Bespoke remove it from its website.

After prevaricating for five months Bespoke finally complied, but with a rider that it could be replaced. However, in the intervening time, Bespoke has lobbied ESCC Highways to have the designation applied, using as justification the Highways Act of 1835, a law that was passed thirty years before the bicycle first appeared on our streets as justification.

EBC and ESCC roll over under pressure

As usual, EBC and in particular, ESCC, caved in under pressure, and actively searched for reasons to support the changes. ESCC has issued a very narrow interpretation of its view of the legal position basing it entirely on the 1835 act, and totally ignoring the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations England of 2012.

The SHRA's believes that ESCC officers have failed to take a balanced view and disputes their interpretation, of the position. Further clarification has been sought on a number of points; no response has been received at the time of going to print. We are disappointed that EBC, which was responsible for the SPD, also seems to be supporting the Bespoke position.

The SHRA committee has acted throughout in what it believes are the best interests of our members. The blatant Bespoke challenge to our neighbourhood plan left us no option but to fight it on its own grounds. We are grateful for the support we have received from Councillors Elkin, Jenkins and Ede.

However, we are a democratic association and our constitution allows for members to seek removal of committee members if they feel we they have not conducted themselves appropriately.. Our constitution can be downloaded from: www.shra.co.uk/about.html.

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Construction of the Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park has started in Eastbourne, East Sussex, with site clearance and piling works.

5.5 Acre Business Park Being Created By Sea Change Sussex With Support From East Sussex County Council And Eastbourne Borough Councils

The 5.5 acre business park is being created by economic development company Sea Change Sussex, with support from Eastbourne Borough Council and East Sussex County Council.

The construction work is being carried out by Buckingham Group Contracting, a £300 million turnover, family/owner-managed building company.

The project will bring new economic life to a disused site in prestigious Sovereign Harbour, 2.5 miles east of Eastbourne town centre, by attracting expanding businesses and providing local jobs.

First Development Will Be "Pacific House"



The first development on the Park will be Pacific House – a 2,300m² contemporary business centre.

Pacific House will be able to accommodate up to 70 firms as a mix of small or medium sized businesses or, alternatively, one or two large companies. These could be start-ups, established local firms, companies from outside the area or a combination of these.

Units From 58m² to the entire building

The units available range from 58m² to the entire building, which will be able to accommodate up to 300 employees.

Pacific House is scheduled to be completed next summer, 2015. Sea Change and its agents are taking letting enquiries now, with several firms already expressing interest.

Innovation Park Has The Potential For A Total Development Of Up To 10,000m²

The rest of the Innovation Park offers a range of potential sites for further commercial properties to be developed which could bring total

development up to 10,000m² including Pacific House.

Anyone interested in either offices within Pacific House or other developments on the Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park should contact one of Sea Change's agents:

- Richard Harding, Bray Fox Smith:
richardharding@brayfoxsmith.com
020 7629 5456
- Chris Broome, Cluttons:
christopher.broome@cluttons.com
01273 738383
- Alex Hobbis, Hobbis & Dyer:
ahobbis@dyerandhobbis.com
01424 423626

Further details: For more about Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park and Sea Change's broader development programme for East Sussex, [visit www.seachangesussex.co.uk](http://www.seachangesussex.co.uk).

For Buckingham Group, visit: www.buckinghamgroup.co.uk.

RNLI Update - by Bob Jeffery



Without doubt, the most significant incident we have been involved with recently was the devastating fire on Eastbourne pier.

It has now been publicly acknowledged by the professional fire-fighters in attendance that without the involvement of Eastbourne

Lifeboats and our RNLI colleagues from Newhaven and Hastings our beloved pier would have suffered the same fate as the one at Hastings in that it would have been a complete loss.

When we arrived on scene the fire was well established and fire-fighters were attempting

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to tackle the blaze from the beach. We have a fire pump on board the lifeboat but it was never intended for such a massive job so it was imperative that more substantial equipment be brought into operation.

Our inshore lifeboat crew manhandled this vital equipment into their boat and ferried it from the beach, along with operators from East Sussex Fire & Rescue, to our all-weather lifeboat. From there it was possible to attack the seat of the fire and damp down the as yet untouched part of the structure and hence halt the spread of the fire.

This transfer of equipment and personnel continued throughout the operation. What is not generally known is the great skill and seamanship required to hold the all-weather lifeboat in position as the tide was rapidly falling. For much of the service the lifeboat was literally bouncing on the seabed. Ian Stringer, one of our Deputy Second Coxswains who was in command on the day, should be congratulated. Our volunteer crew was in attendance until just before dawn the next day with many of them being involved for the full 12 hours the service lasted.

Despite repeated warnings people still underestimate the tides along our stretch of coast. Recently we had to rescue a family group which consisted of five children and three adults from the beach below the cliffs at Beachy Head.

Public continue to ignore safety advice

They intended to walk from Birling Gap to Holywell but seriously underestimated the time it would take. With some of the group wearing flip-flops and summer clothing they found themselves trapped by the rising tide with darkness rapidly falling.

Fortunately we were able to collect them from the beach in the inshore lifeboat and transfer them to the all-weather lifeboat stationed offshore.

Apart from being cold and frightened the group were otherwise unharmed. As always, our advice for enjoying the sea is adequate planning and never underestimate the power of the sea.

Community Police Update

by PC Ed Faulkner



PC Ed Faulkner
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PCSO Martin Hylands
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Happily the Summer has passed without any significant increase in crime, however we have had a number of reports of suspicious activity centred around certain areas of North Harbour.

This has led to increased Police action in these areas. We keenly deal with any reports of suspicious activity, be it people loitering around, or vehicles arriving at odd times. If you have any concerns about the area where you live please let us know.

Following concerns raised by businesses and residents we have also increased the high visibility policing around the Waterfront on Friday and Saturday evenings. This is to provide additional presence at those busy times, and to support the private security that the traders rely on. Happily the number of incidents remain low despite it being a popular out of town location.

Harbour burglary rates remain lowest in Eastbourne

And finally, the Harbour remains an exceptionally safe place to live, at the time of writing we have gone nine months without a dwelling burglary. This in unparalleled anywhere in Eastbourne is a very positive sign that the Harbour remains safe and secure.

Our work is continuing to focus on keeping your neighbourhood a great place to live.

Neighbourhood First Report



Simon Crouch Mirka Kitti Paul Boyce
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Environmental Crime data July and August 2014 for Eastbourne:

- 412 Fly-tipping
- 97 Litter
- 51 Dog fouling
- 17 Graffiti
- 56 Abandoned vehicles (3 in Sovereign Ward)

Report It data July and August 2014:

- 133 in Eastbourne East
- 28 in Sovereign Ward; mostly overhanging vegetation and litter.

Neighbourhood First team in Summer 2014:

- Environmental Quality Monitoring, NI195, across Eastbourne
- Promenade patrols with police to educate cyclists
- Recycle Day 1st August 2014 in Harbour
- Litter pick on the beach with volunteers
- Operation Aimee events across Eastbourne
- Waterfront patrol to educate cyclists (spoken to 15 people)

News:

The team has designed a new "Report It" sticker; this will be put on all dog bins across Eastbourne. Residents can download the Report It Eastbourne app to their smart phone to report over 40 categories of environmental issues.

The team has developed Neighbourhood First branded dog waste bags, complete with the "Any bin" message, that are distributed at events and in the neighbourhood. They are also issued to any dog owner who does not have a bag.

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The team has installed a dog bag dispenser in Seaside Recreation Ground, which is a known hot-spot. The dispenser was obtained from the manufacturer on a free trial. We are seeking funding for other zones.

You can contact Neighbourhood Advisors:

In Person: Resident's Resource Centre on Etchingam Road Mondays 10am-12noon

By email: customerfirst@eastbourne.gov.uk

By telephone: +44 (0)1323 410000

Haven School Update



This year's Haven Beacon PTFA Christmas Fayre has been scheduled for Friday 5th December.

Also on Friday 10th October the PTFA will be holding a cake and second hand book sale at the School, starting at 3pm.

For more information, visit:
www.shra.co.uk/events.html

or look in the Waterfront notice board.

Planned Lock Maintenance

Premier Marinas Eastbourne will be closing Lock Two (closest to the Harbour Office) later this year to undertake planned annual maintenance. As in previous years, the lock will be de-watered to facilitate access to the lower gate sections.

It is anticipated that the closure will last for three to four weeks, during which time pedestrian access will be possible via a temporary bridge.

Locks to be Closed for Three to Four Weeks

Items being addressed in this shutdown include investigations and remedial works to the noisy upper gate pin on the centre island side of the outer gates, general cleaning and painting, and a mechanical, structural and hydraulic systems inspection and service.

If you have any questions, please contact the Marina Manager, Daniel Heckford, on 01323 470099. For updates, check: www.shra.co.uk/news.html

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

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

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

Rotarysovhbr@outlook.com

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

Harbour Clubs and Societies

For more information,
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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gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk

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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 and Polyphony

Award winning, female harmony choir sings a varied selection of music in light entertainments and concerts. Rehearsals on Monday evenings in Eastbourne are serious but fun. We raise funds for the Eastbourne Blind Society through our Sovereign Polyphony and Polyphony performances. If The Military Wives inspired you, or 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

Harbour Friends Update

by Faz Razeen and Yvonne Atkinson

The turn in the weather mid August may have dampened some spirits but Harbour Friends still plough on whatever the weather and as usual have been very active.

On the 26th July – a warm barmy evening – 29 members were taken by coach to the Royal Oak, Barcombe Nr Lewes for another successful evening playing skittles. The standard of play was very high and a great time was had by all. Our thanks to the Royal Oak for a splendid cold buffet.



It was a lovely warm sunny day on the 11th August when 16 members visited the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace. It was a pleasure to see the exhibition featuring well-loved toys, treasured family gifts and tiny outfits belonging to nine generations of Royal children. Royal Childhood brings together more than 150 objects relating to 25 children, from George IV to Prince George of Cambridge. Set against a backdrop of previously unseen photographs and private film footage, it gave an unprecedented glimpse into life as a young member of the Royal Family over 250 years.

Visit to Buckingham Palace

Among the objects on display was the announcement of the birth of Prince George on the 22nd July 2013, which was displayed on what must now be the world's most famous easel – it even had its own Twitter handle. The

spectacular silver-gilt Lily Font, commissioned by Queen Victoria for the christening of her first daughter Princess Victoria in 1841 and used at almost all major baptisms since was on display in the Music Room, alongside the silk-satin and lace christening robe worn by Prince George.

The progress book of Princess Elizabeth the future Queen, documents the Princess's first outing at just 10 days old into the garden of her home at 17 Bruton Street, her first tooth (26th January 1927), and the moment she began to crawl (11th April 1927). Miniature outfits worn by Royal children were also on display, including a dress belonging to Queen Victoria at the age of 11, the 'walking suits' of King George V, a beautiful satin coat and hat worn by Princess Margaret and a soldier dressing gown belonging to the three year old Prince Harry of Wales. A glittering fairy costume worn by Princess Anne reflects a common childhood love of dressing up.

In the palace's Ballroom there was a spectacular display of childhood toys, from a child-sized, donkey-drawn barouche used by Queen Victoria's grandchildren to pedal cars, a handmade rocking horse given by President Obama and Mrs Obama to mark the birth of Prince George, and a wooden 'rollercoaster' enjoyed by the Queen's children. Alongside a miniature caravan given to Prince Charles and Princess Anne is a tiny replica of the DB5 used by James Bond in the films Goldfinger and Thunderball. Presented by Aston Martin to Prince Andrew at the age of six, it is fully mobile and includes rotating number plates, pop-up bullet-proof shield, a working smoke screen and electric water jets hidden in the rear reflectors.

Group Meal at Seasons



After the success of the last group meal at Seasons, another evening was organized on the 26th August.

18 members attended and had exclusive use of the restaurant. It was a brilliant evening and a good time was had by all. The food was excellent and plentiful – so much so we came away feeling half a stone heavier!

Visit to Compton Croquet Club



On the 15th September a new event for Harbour Friends was held at the Compton Croquet Club, when 24 members spent an afternoon playing croquet followed by a splendid afternoon tea.

The members were given tuition and guidance by a member of the Croquet Club during the afternoon and there were many laughs and some very skilled shots.

Congratulations to Sue and Grant who were the winners for the afternoon. Judging by the enthusiasm of the members it is hoped this event will be held again next year.

The Compton Croquet Club was founded in 1898 which means it is among the oldest croquet clubs in England. It takes its name from one of the titles held by the Dukes of Devonshire, on whose land it stands. Croquet is a game which is played on level terms by men and women of all ages, in beautiful surroundings providing intellectual stimulation and good exercise.

For more information about Harbour Friends, please check out the contact details in our listing in the centre pages, or visit our website: www.harbourfriends.co.uk

The Thrill of Love

by Amanda Whittington

The jury that convicted Ruth Ellis took just fourteen minutes to find her guilty. Posterity is taking a little longer to come to the opposite conclusion.

From Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th October, starting at 7:30pm, at Eastbourne's Under Ground Theatre, the Green Room Productions presents "The Thrill of Love" by Amanda Whittington, a gripping drama about Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain.



A divorcee, with a young child to care for, Ruth Ellis works in the kind of nightclub where there's more than

just a drink on offer. The girls work hard, play hard and dream of a movie-star life. Then she meets the wealthy, womanising David, a racing driver with whom she becomes obsessed. Fame comes, but not in the way she imagines.

Why does their relationship end in murder? Why does she plead "not guilty" but offer no defence? Why does she show no remorse? And, who is she trying to protect?

"The Thrill of Love" dramatises the true story of Ruth Elliis and takes a fresh look at the woman behind the headlines.

Tickets can be purchased at the Under Ground Theatre on Friday (10am to 12:30pm) and Saturday (10am to 4pm), at any UGT event, from the Tourist Information Centre, on the door, or online via Oxboffice on 0845 680 1926 and www.undergroundtheatre.co.uk.

Sovereign Polyphony



The award winning female harmony choir, Sovereign Polyphony, has announce two concerts for the Christmas season.

The first, **"Simply Carols"** will be held at Simply Italian on the Waterfront on Wednesday 10th December, starting at 7:15pm. There is no charge for the evening's "party mood" entertainment, above the cost of your meal, but diners will be invited to make a contribution to the Eastbourne Blind Society. You can book your table in advance on 01323-470911.



The second, **"Festive Fanfare"** will be held in the spectacular All Saints' Chapel on Sunday 14th December, starting at 7:45pm. Tickets for this evening of carols and Christmas music, available from the choir or from Bonners in Eastbourne, cost £5.50 in advance or £6.50 at the door. (Doors open at 7pm.)

The choir sings a varied selection of music in light entertainments and concerts. Rehearsals on Monday evenings in Eastbourne are serious but fun. Sovereign Polyphony raises funds for the Eastbourne Blind Society through Sovereign Polyphony and Polyphony performances. If the Military Wives inspired you, visit their website:

www.sovereignpolyphony.com,
email: time4music@uwclub.net
or call 01323470445.

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:

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Free Basic IT Courses

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.

Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour Update



As a keen Waterlines reader, you probably already know that there's a thriving Rotary Club in Sovereign Harbour. You might also know that the Club meets at 7pm every Tuesday in the annexe of Simply Italian on the Waterfront. You might even know that visitors and prospective new members - men and women of all ages and backgrounds - are always welcome.

But do you know what Rotary is really all about?

Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million people who volunteer their time and talents to serve communities locally and around

the world. In total there are 34,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries, and it is said that every minute of every day Rotary will touch the lives of millions somewhere in the world. In Great Britain and Ireland there are 53,000 members in 1,850 clubs. Rotarians are "adult persons of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation". And Rotarians in Sovereign Harbour are a mix of ages, with nearly equal numbers of male and female members.

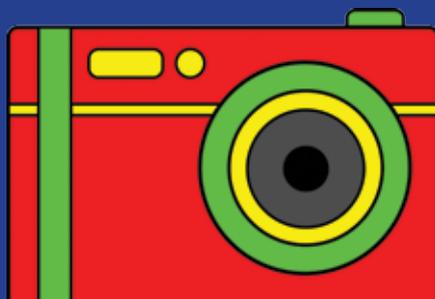
So what does being a Rotarian involve? As a Rotarian you meet in your local club on a regular basis to enjoy friendship, networking, and to plan activities and projects that will benefit the lives of others.

What are the benefits of becoming a Rotarian? Recent new member Helen Francis, 49, of Midway Quay, says: "Rotary membership has given me a stronger sense of giving back to the community and making a difference, not only locally, where I already do some voluntary work, but also worldwide. Whatever your level of available time and energy, the list of opportunities with Rotary is endless. You can litter pick in the Harbour, help fundraise for a local charity, volunteer at events (we did the bucket collections at Airbourne!), or help with overseas projects.

Rotary clubs across Sussex and Kent are involved with a wide variety of local and worldwide projects, but there are social benefits too - and in Sovereign Harbour we have fun! From Halloween Night, to formal dinners, to Race Nights, there's always something in the pipeline. Sometimes there are speakers at the weekly meals/meetings - recent visitors have included the Police Commissioner for Sussex, St Wilfrid's Hospice and an inspiring gentleman from the RNLI. Another significant benefit is business networking, as Rotary members come from all walks of life".

Would you like to find out more about the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour? If you have a little spare time, and any of this sounds interesting, then why not get in touch and find out more? Stop and have a chat if you see us out and about, or come along to a meeting. You can also find us on Facebook or contact the President, David Phillips, on 07968-489086 or e-mail Rotarysovhbr@outlook.com.

Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK



Following the excellent response to the article in the August issue of *Waterlines*, the inaugural meeting of the "Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK", which will be opened by Cllr David Elkin, has been scheduled for Monday 10th November, starting at 7pm, in the annex of Simply Italian on the Waterfront.

Club founder, Sam Sweiry, who will act as chairman and secretary until the members elect their own officers at the first meeting, suggests that everybody should bring along one print to the meeting, and he will treat those who take the best photographs to a Cappuccino.

New club starts on 14th November

Sam has a projector screen, but would be grateful for the use of a laptop and projector.

Future meetings of the club will be held every Monday, starting at 7pm; prospective members of all abilities, from beginners to professionals are welcome.

The objective of the club is to help members take better photographs with the camera they have, including smartphone cameras, and, also, to increase the knowledge and ability of less experienced members through projects exhibitions, competitions and workshops, supported by talks and demonstrations by the more experienced members.

If you would be interested in taking part, please e-mail waterlines@shra.co.uk with your name and a daytime telephone number.

PCDL Update

By Ian Thomas



A pleasant and warm summer is now drawing to a close, so thoughts inevitably turn towards the approaching autumn and winter. Although last winter resulted in unprecedented levels of erosion and beach movement, by and large the defences have been in good condition over the summer.

There are of course exceptions. Rather curiously, the beach in front of the Camping and Caravan Club, on the boundary between Wealden and Rother, lost more shingle during the summer than it did at any time last winter, to the degree that fagots have been exposed for the first time in many years. Similar situations have been noted close to Herbrand Walk level crossing and just east of Cooden Beach Hotel. At Herbrand Walk, beach levels have lowered sufficiently to expose remnants of Martello tower No.52, which was lost to the sea at some point last century. At Cooden, wavescreen at the back of the beach has been exposed, along with remnants of an old groyne.

Mysterious summer beach erosion

Quite why beach levels in these three areas should fall during the calmest weather of the year is a mystery. It may be connected to the increased amounts of beach recycling required last winter. In order to provide the necessary standard of protection to all areas, last winter saw 160,000m³ of beach being moved, as opposed to 80,000m³ in 2012-13 and 65,000m³ in 2011-12. In all probability we will never know for sure.

Despite last winter's efforts, there was still an increased loss of sediment from the frontage. In a typical year, shingle lost to Bexhill and beyond can be replaced by an import of 20,000m³ via dredger Sospan Dau and about 5,000m³ being bypassed round Sovereign Harbour

from Langney. Last winter almost 15,000m³ of beach was brought round the harbour, yet we still need 40,000m³ to return beach volumes to where they were at this time last year. As you can imagine, Sospan Dau has been especially busy this summer, as sediment was lost from beaches all around the coast. Consequently, she was never going to be available for six consecutive weeks to fulfil all deliveries in one go. By mid-September, two brief periods of work in June and early September had succeeded in supplying the first 10,000m³. It is hoped that the remaining volume will be delivered during October – weather permitting.

Sovereign Harbour beaches will be in good shape for the winter

One advantage of this increased recharge quantity is that more beach will be at Sovereign Harbour than usual for the time of year. This will inevitably start to drift east with first gales of autumn and thus provide a natural feed of sediment to beaches from the harbour towards Penvensey Bay. Consequently this should help minimise the amount of re-profiling and recycling in the short term. On the other hand it will be some time before any of this reaches Beachlands or Normans Bay, so some work will be required here before too long. As much as possible, this will be delayed until there is a clear indication that summer is finally over. September certainly looks as though it will in the main be a warm and pleasant month, so hopefully we can delay the arrival of Ovenden machines until early October. With 8.0mCD tides at the end of the first week, however, I would expect there to be some activity by that time.

It would seem unlikely that the severity of last winter will be repeated in the coming months, but with the sea and the weather nothing is ever certain. Winter 2013-14 taught us a lot, and demonstrated that within limits it is possible retain the integrity of the sea defences through such conditions. Equally, there is no room for complacency, as even worse storms could be just around the corner.

If you have any comments on our work or wish to find out more please visit www.pevensey-bay.co.uk email pcdl@pevensey-bay.co.uk or call 01323-761202.

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

by Adrian Peckham



The club's been kept pretty busy over the summer with Tuesday and Thursday evening adult training and Saturday cadets all though until mid July. Sunday racing has continued with a reasonable number of dinghies on the water and our family oriented

Sea Week at the beginning of August saw 100 members on site, generally messing about on boats all week. We sailed to Airbourne on the Thursday and watched the two Lancaster's gracefully undertake their fly past as we bobbed on the water in our dinghies.

Club hosted National 12 dingy class championships

We moved from relaxed fun on the water to the more serious aspect of running the four day National Championships for the National 12 dinghy class over the August Bank holiday weekend.

Many of the competitors camped in our field and we mustered, 34 N12's on the water, enjoying some terrific sailing, especially on the first Saturday when these light, nimble, very well sailed dinghies reached down the waves in a good F4-5 at 10+ knots. There was considerable but enjoyable commitment from club members over the weekend manning beach, safety and committee boats galley and bar.

Taster Day

We held out Taster day on the 30th August and welcomed a good number of potential new members treating them to a pleasant sail in our

sturdy RS Visions and 2000's.

The club is participating in the Guinness World Record challenge known as Bart's Bash on the 21st September with the aim of clubs globally collectively running the largest sailing race in the world.

Sailing continues to end of October

We'll carry on sailing at the weekends until the end of October and then just Sunday's until the end of December – with the right clothing it's not as cold as you might think!

Adrian Peckham

Sailing Secretary

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