



Important Information About Your Rent Charge Bill

At the 2014 SHRA AGM, the members gave the committee the authority to use Association funds to obtain advice from counsel on the validity of the Southern Water Charge, which all property owners are obliged to pay.

That advice has now been obtained and we are very encouraged that it has indicated there are good grounds under which collection of the "Southern Water Charge" could be challenged.

Consequently, the SHRA has written to the Chairman of the Sovereign Harbour Trust requesting that the trust should re-examine its authority to collect the charge in the light of the advice we have received. This might take some time, and will almost certainly be challenged.

Therefore, when your bill arrives, **please pay it as usual**, but also attach a letter saying:

"Please note that my payment is made under protest and that my sending it is not to be interpreted as confirmation of my satisfaction with or acceptance of the validity of the current invoice or its level.

My payment is made without prejudice to any action taken, or assertions made by me or by others on my behalf, at any time."

If you are renting your home, please ensure that your landlord is made aware of this development.

Look out for updates on the SHRA website, or in Waterlines.

Major Changes to Waterlines for 2015

Back in May 2005, at a very lively SHRA AGM, the entire committee resigned, leaving the ten candidates who had put themselves forward for election as the *de facto* new committee.

At that time, the SHRA was not well known and membership stood at about fifty. The first priorities of the new committee were to increase membership, so as to make the association more representative, and to communicate with all residents, whether members or not.

The association had a website but, for technical reasons, we were unable to take it over, so a new

site was created www.shra.co.uk, which is still going strongly.

However, as internet connectivity was poor at that time, the decision was taken to produce a paper-based newsletter. Later that month, the first issue of Waterlines, a single, double sided sheet of A4 was delivered to every household on the harbour; then about 3,000.

Back then we would never have believed that over nine years later we would be delivering this issue, **number eighty**, and it would have evolved into the current 24 page, full colour A5 booklet, printed on glossy paper.

Before the first issue was produced, the committee decided that it should be produced at as little cost possible to members, so sponsors were sought.

In the event, Waterlines Issue One was produced at no cost to members.

Waterlines has been delivered to all harbour households for over nine years

Over the whole nine years, we have been very fortunate that sponsorship of Waterlines has not only allowed us to produce it at no cost to the members, but it has also generated a small surplus that has been used to finance charitable donations and prizes for Haven School summer and winter fairs.

We have also tried to support new harbour businesses which couldn't afford to advertise by giving them a small amount of free space to promote special, or introductory offers.

Thanks to all the sponsors who made Waterlines possible

We are very grateful to all of the businesses, large and small, which have, by giving their support, made Waterlines the success it is. We are particularly grateful to those which have made long term commitments that have allowed us to plan ahead with certainty.

However, the creation, production and distribution of Waterlines is a massive task and, sad to say, we are all getting older. It has also become increasingly demanding, both intellectually and physically, so the time has come to take a fresh look at how we communicate with residents.

Printed newsletter not so relevant in the digital age

We decided that a newsletter is still relevant but, although it is nice to have a printed newsletter, there are a number of disadvantages:

- Format restrictions
 - A5 page size
 - Pages must be multiples of four
- Preparing for print

- Cost of printing
- Arranging delivery
- Logistics of distribution
- Sourcing sponsors
 - Additional pages need more sponsors
 - Cost can be prohibitive to small local companies.
- Meeting deadlines

Vast majority of residents now have high-speed internet connections

In 2006, when we first examined how we could communicate, the only really viable option was a paper-based newsletter. At that time, only about 5% of members had access to the internet and e-mail, and this was through low speed dial-up connections.

Now, well over 90% of members have e-mail and high-speed broadband internet connections. So, from 2015, Waterlines will become a digital publication with a dedicated website: www.waterlines.onl

This is a big change and the biggest problem is to determine how best we can get the digital Waterlines to the maximum possible number of residents.

We have an extensive e-mail address list, which we use for the occasional distribution of "e-Bulletins". For ease of use, we have migrated it to "MailChimp" and, if you are on the list, you will have already received an e-mail notification. If you wish to join the list, visit www.shra.co.uk/subscribe.html and add your name and e-mail address. You will receive a request from Mailchimp to confirm your subscription. You can easily unsubscribe at any time. Whenever a new issue of Waterlines is published, this list will be used to let you know.

Because there will be no minimum number of pages, there will be no fixed schedule for the new Waterlines; publication frequency will be determined by need. We look forward to your feedback to help us get it right.

Finally, a huge "THANK YOU" to all of those stalwart volunteers who have at some time trudged the streets, in all weathers, to get Waterlines to your doors.

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Sovereign Harbour Innovation Mall



Work on the Sovereign Harbour Innovation Mall is progressing well. The piles have been driven, the concrete foundations poured and construction of the steel frame is underway.

Steelwork Could Be Completed by Christmas

Project Manager, Ian Saunders, is hopeful that, by Christmas, the steel frame will have been completed. However, adverse weather conditions, especially high winds, could cause delays.



When the frame is complete, the concrete floors will be poured, paving the way for the erection of the outer cladding. This will allow work to begin on the interior of the building.

Fund-raising For The RNLI

The main contractor, Buckingham Construction, has adopted the RNLI as its chosen charity and on 5th December, Buckingham employees will be joined by some of the sub-contractors for a fund-raising evening of Karting. All participants will pay £30 and all proceeds will be donated to the RNLI.

A "table sale" is also planned, when a suitable venue can be found, with all proceeds again going to the RNLI.

For up-to-date progress reports, visit:
www.shra.co.uk/news.html.

RNLI Update - by Bob Jeffery



Many people have been asking why Diamond Jubilee, our all-weather lifeboat, has been moored inside the marina recently and not in the outer harbour where she belongs.

There have been two reasons, the first is the hull of the ex -'D' class boat we use as a boarding boat to ferry the crew out to the lifeboat had worn through and was taking on water. Beyond economical repair it had to be retired and there was a short wait for a replacement to become available.

AWL Propeller Damaged During Pier Fire

The second reason was the lifeboat had to be lifted out of the water to replace a damaged propeller sustained during the pier fire service. All is well now and normal service restored. During this period we remained fully operational and despite one of the marina locks being out of action our response time was unaffected thanks to the co-operation of Premier Marina.

Inshore Boathouse at End of Useful Life

The RNLI has for some time considered how it could improve the current configuration of having a separate boathouse for the inshore lifeboat at Fisherman's Green, and a main lifeboat station at Sovereign Harbour North. The inshore boathouse is very dated and has come to the end of its operational life – it would require considerable spending to maintain it.

Doing this whilst still running the newer station would not be the best use of donors' money. Apart from the financial cost, co-locating the inshore lifeboat and the all-weather lifeboat

together at Sovereign Harbour would mean training and operational meetings could be delivered under one roof. This is in line with the majority of other lifeboat stations that operate an inshore and an all-weather lifeboat.

Plans to Relocate Inshore Lifeboat to Sovereign Harbour Will Need New Lifeboat Station

At the November meeting of the Eastbourne Borough Council Planning Committee, consent was granted to create a new building on the footprint of the existing lifeboat station, with improved crew changing facilities, a dedicated room for the vital training that equips our volunteers to help save lives at sea and of course housing for the inshore lifeboat. It also includes provision of a davit which would be used to lift the inshore lifeboat into and out of the water. During the build, which is scheduled to commence in January, the lifeboat station would operate from a temporary facility on site.

Finally, don't forget:

“Carols with the Crew”

The Waterfront Sovereign Harbour

**Sunday 7th December
Starting at 2:30pm**

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Wishing you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

by Adrian Peckham



The club returned to routine after our busy August with the Cadets, starting again on Saturdays at the beginning of September and following their RYA training courses through to the end of October. After the success of our taster day in August we coaxed a number of new adult members to our 'lean to sail' courses on Saturday afternoons, teaching the basics of dinghy handling to our eager students. Sunday racing maintained its steady pace with two races in the morning and one in the afternoon.

These start at 10:30am and are interspersed by a delicious lunch provided by the splendid chefs in our galley. Sometimes the lunch is too good and the fleet tends toward the smaller size in the afternoon. On the 21st September the club participated in Bart's Bash – a synchronised

global dinghy charity race that made it into the Guinness World of Records as the largest ever sailing race. We had 31 entr1es contributing to the 30,734 sailors who took part from 60 countries globally.

As we reached the end of October we scaled down our sailing activities to Sunday morning racing – appropriately named the Brass Monkeys series. Despite the desire to hunker down and stay indoors once the clocks go back, with the right clothing you can be perfectly warm on the water and extend the sailing season through to the end of December. At this stage even the most hardy of our sailors hang up their sailing boots for the year. We'll recommence sailing at the end of March.

We had a great Halloween social on the 25th October, with our Cadets dressing up, collecting their training certificates and watching the beach bonfire blaze away. We had our final social of the year, our Laying Up Supper, on the 22nd of November at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. This is the time when we award our trophies for the year, congratulate ourselves on a successful sailing season and dance the night away to the small hours.

Community Police Update

by PC Ed Faulkner



PC Ed Faulkner
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The last few months have been very busy for us, focusing on the issues that affect the Harbour most. We have made a renewed effort on the parking outside of the Haven School.

Working with NSL, the company that has responsibility for enforcing the parking rules across the town, we spent a week ensuring that the parking was legal and safe for the children and parents during picking up and dropping off time, you may have seen the "Don't park here banner". We have always been focused on safety rather than fining, but we will not hesitate where the circumstances call for it.

Another incident which I know caused some concern amongst residents is a number of arrests of persons that are believed to have entered the country illegally at the locks. We work closely with the Harbour authorities, alongside the UK Border Authority to monitor areas such as Sovereign Harbour, and to build intelligence on any potential illegal activity.

We are satisfied that all persons were accounted for in this incident, and at the time of writing our investigations continue.

Take Extra Care on Dark Nights

Finally, I would like to give our usual reminder as the nights close in, at this time of year the threat of burglary is ever present, and so we would advise all residents to be mindful of security

at home. Never leave anything on display that could potentially entice a burglar, and always report anything unusual or suspicious. We would like to thank everyone for their support this year, it is only through that support that we can all keep our neighbourhood safe and a pleasant place to live."

Neighbourhood First Report



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Some of the work carried out in November:

- Regular foot patrols in the area with all three advisors
- Street meetings with the local PCSOs
- Working closely with local businesses and restaurant to achieve a cleaner environment.
- Operation Aimee patrol taken place on the harbour footpaths and walkways.

Data for October 2014:

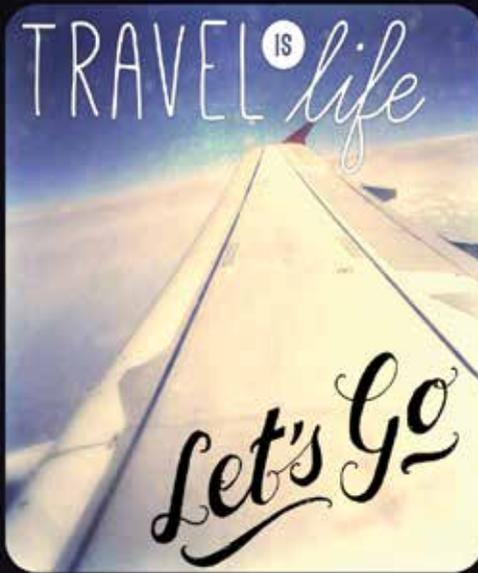
- Report it data for Sovereign harbour: 14 issues including damaged litter bins, dog bins full, path maintenance and dog fouling.
- Customer First data for Eastbourne: fly tipping 173, litter 59, dog fouling 18 .
- Abandoned vehicles in Sovereign: 3.
- Noise complaints in Sovereign: 2.

Specific local issues:

- Dog fouling is still on our agenda and we are constantly monitoring.
- South Harbour outer walkway, dog fouling and condition of shrub beds out of standard, we are looking into this matter.

November events:

- Operation Aimee took place on the walkways and footpaths, focusing on the local schools.
- Contract monitoring of waste collections and recycling.
- National event "The Big Tidy up" took place in Shinewater Park on the 19th November Between 10 – 12.



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How Secure is Sovereign Harbour?



On Saturday 15th November, at about 11:40am, Police received a call to report a number of people getting off of a boat in the Sovereign Harbour lock, who were suspected to be illegally entering the country; a number of Police units attended.

Suspected Illegal Immigrants Arrested at Harbour

Police conducted a thorough investigation and search of the local area, which resulted in

a number of people being arrested. Police are working closely with the UK Border Agency, HM Coastguard, and Premier Marinas on the ongoing investigation.

PC Ed Faulkner, Neighbourhood Officer for the Harbour said: "Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to again praise the quick response of the Harbour Master and his team, alongside local residents for alerting us to this incident."

"We are very mindful that the Harbour is a point of entry into the UK and have worked hard previously to build intelligence on any suspicious activity focused on the harbour. All persons are accounted for but our investigations will continue.

We are committed to working with berth holders, harbour authorities, residents and businesses to keep the harbour safe.

Anyone with information that may be useful to our endeavours is urged to contact us."

Many residents have long seen Sovereign Harbour as a weak point in the country's borders and are asking how many others have been successful in evading checks and have managed to enter the UK unnoticed.

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 since 2006. New players welcome (harbour residents only) Also, Social events for players and their families

For more information, or to join the Vet's Football waiting list, contact: Frank Milmoe 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.

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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Meeting outside Bright Ideas at the Waterfront, Thursdays at 9:30 - 10:30am Cost £2.50

Everyone is welcome and the sessions often run on with drinks on the harbour.

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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

Polyphony Voices in Harmony

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 concert 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

Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK

The Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK meets every Monday in the annex of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront at 7pm.

For more information, e-mail: info@shra.co.uk

Harbour WI

by Judy Latter

The AGM on 10th November saw the resignation of President Gill Nokes.

Gill thanked everyone who had assisted her in her years as President. She then gave gifts to other resigning committee members and also to members who had helped her – [and their spouses - for setting out tables etc.]

After the voting, her place was taken by Hiliary Hooper and Gill presented her with the President's Silver Brooch for her term of office. Gill, in her turn, was presented with a bouquet from all the members as a thank you and was wished good luck in her new role as a W.I. Adviser.

The afternoon continued with a light-hearted Quiz devised by Carole Kilby. As usual there was lots of laughter and the winning team of 8 went home with a bottle of wine each!

Sussex Downs College was the venue for the Lunch Club on the 12th November, with the Ladies being looked after by the young catering students. They waited on table and cooked the food – and very good it was too! The Lunch Club next meets after the Carole Service in Westham at 'Simply Seafood'.

The Craft Club meet in the Baptist Church at Pevensey Bay on the 3rd Monday of every month. At the meeting on the 17th November, Hilary Lewis showed them how to make Christmas decorations using Japanese Quilting. There is no meeting in December.

The 4th Monday Club met in Simply Italian on the 24th November for a 'Who am I?' afternoon of fun. Again, there is no meeting in December. And the 'Quilt Project' is 'progressing nicely'. They are meeting in the New Year to continue with the assembling.

The Christmas Carol Service is being held on the 5th December at St. Mary's Church, Westham and Christmas Lunch has been booked for 16th December at the Grand Hotel. There are plans for a shopping trip in February and also a tour of St. Wilfrid's Hospice followed by tea.

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Yacht Club at 2pm. Next month

at the December meeting, members are encouraged to wear something 'Christmassy' and there will be a small prize for the best outfit. Also, W.I. member Pam Fuller is going to show the Ladies how to make their own Christmas Wreaths and Decorations.

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

Information is also available on the SHRA [website: www.shra.co.uk/wi](http://www.shra.co.uk/wi)

Come and join our Christmas Services at

THE HAVEN CHURCH

By the Revd. John Brook

Christingle Service

Sunday 14th December at 4pm

Nativity Service

Sunday 21st December at 10am

Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 7pm

Christmas Day Service

25th December at 10am

At our family Christingle Service come and make a Christingle and learn about its meaning, sing carols and stay for refreshments.

At the morning Nativity Service we follow from the Bible the true story of the birth of Jesus; it will be interactive and is aimed at both adults and children.

The evening carol service is a quieter service interspersed with Christmas Bible readings. We sing carols by candlelight followed by tea/coffee with mince pies and cake.

Come and celebrate Christmas Day at our 10am family Service beginning with tea/coffee and mince pies. We celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour over 2,000 years ago.

The Haven Church meets in the Hall at the Haven School on Atlantic Drive, Sovereign Harbour South. We offer a friendly welcome in a relaxed and informal setting. We hope to see you at one or all of our Christmas Services.



Rotary
 Club of Sovereign Harbour
Update

Each year bucket collectors raise money at The Airbourne event to help keep Airbourne free to the public but more importantly 30% of all the cash raised goes to nominated charities.

This year the bucket collection committee, organised by Eastbourne Borough Council, was led by Marco and Cathy Giorgi of the Afton Hotel, with great support provided by The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour, whose founder club President Don Perman, was instrumental in drumming up the volunteers for this four day event.

Rotary is an international group of outstanding volunteers, in this instance the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour, in partnership with Rotary Hailsham, who, with volunteers from each charity, provided the majority of collectors. Chosen charities for this event were; Demelza House (community care team) and Chailey Heritage.

Collections at Airbourne start at 3pm (it is classified as an exit collection). Volunteers are traditionally briefed by Cathy and Marco at 2:30pm then head out to either a "static" collecting point along the promenade or take

up a "beach sweep". In total, volunteers from Rotary Club Sovereign Harbour donated just over 120 hours to this effort helping collect a record total of £10,561.14 for charity. Eastbourne Borough Council and Rotary were thus able to present cheques of £5,280.57 each to Demelza House and Chailey Heritage.

Julie Brett of Demelza Community team stated that it is unusual to get donations of this size, and the team are so grateful for the effort made by our Rotary club, especially in terms of nominating them for this collection which will pay for three days care in the community for terminally ill children in East Sussex.

The event is hard work, you get soaked by the rain and baked by the sun, sometimes in equal measure but, you meet so many people enjoying the airshow and our town. Indeed it is great to give visitors a pointer to make sure they visit our harbour whilst on their holidays.

If you would like more information about Rotary Club Sovereign Harbour volunteer work please email rotarysovhr@outlook.com. We would love to tell you more.

The picture above shows representatives from Demelza House and Chailey Heritage collecting their cheques alongside Cllr David Tutt and members of Rotary Club Sovereign Harbour. Presentation made 11th November at the International Tennis Centre, Devonshire Park.

Harbour Friends Update

by Faz Razeen and Yvonne Atkinson

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by and it is now the middle of November. Hopefully you all managed to enjoy and make the best of the extended summer weather we have experienced. Fingers crossed for a mild winter without too many storms!

As usual the Harbour Friends have been busy; besides the normal Wednesday evenings at the Yacht Club, we have been out and about in Sussex and Kent.

Harbour Friends go to the Dogs

Back by popular demand, our second visit this year to the Brighton and Hove Greyhound Stadium. Sunday 12th October proved to be another sunny day and eighteen members enjoyed a great day out. We had window tables in the Skyline Restaurant, which overlooked the start/finish line. Also the two course Sunday roast, which is included in the entrance charge, went down well.

The stadium has a capacity for 2,200 visitors and is also the home of Ballyregan Bob, who broke the world record for consecutive wins when he scored his 32nd successive victory on 9th December 1985.

Charity Race Day at Plumpton

Fourteen intrepid race goers attended the charity race day at Plumpton Race Course on Monday 20th October. The whole day was to raise funds for the Moorcroft Racehorse Welfare Centre in Sussex, which is one of three BHA accredited racehorse rehabilitation centres in the UK.

Plumpton racecourse is one of the smaller National Hunt racecourses in Britain, it is rather hilly with a tightish left handed circuit of just over a mile. 16 race days are held between September and May. The first meeting was held on the 11th February 1884 and the first race was won by Cowslip. Also this is the track

where Tony McCoy rode his 3000th winner on the Nicky Henderson trained Restless d' Artaix on the 9th February 2009.

The official going on the day was Good (good to soft in places). The day began with the Shetland Pony Gold Cup supported by the Andy Stewart Charitable Trust. All 12 ponies and their young riders were kitted out in full jockey colours and paraded round the viewing paddock prior to the start of their race. They were all very competitive and all crossed the finish line in high spirits. The race was won by thirteen year old Gemma Pallett riding Galloping Goring.

The following races were all over the jumps which made it quite exciting. Thankfully there were no mishaps and all arrived safely over the other side. Picking out the horse you fancied in the viewing paddock was great fun as we were all giving our individual and inexperienced views as to why 'our particular choice' was a winner. Most of us finished with less money than we started with, but, one or two came out on top. Our consolation prize was knowing that all us losers had contributed to a very worthwhile charity.

After each race there was time to collect winnings, if you were lucky, have a bite to eat or drink from the various food outlets on site, pick your next winner or loser and place your bets at the tote.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, in spite of it being a bit chilly, and travelled back home to celebrate their winnings or commiserate their losses. Plumpton is a new venue for Harbour Friends so many thanks to Jackie Bell for organizing this trip.

Visit to Canterbury

On Saturday 8th November nineteen members joined Harbour Friend member and tour guide extraordinaire Bryan Drewett on a trip by rail to the historic Cathedral City and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Canterbury.

After going through the Westgate Tower, passing The Old Weavers House (1500AD) and the old ducking chair we visited the Cathedral. It dates back to 597AD when St Augustine became the first Archbishop establishing his seat in Canterbury. This stunning cathedral



with some of the oldest and most beautiful stained glass windows in the country has been part of England's great history, most notably the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Becket.



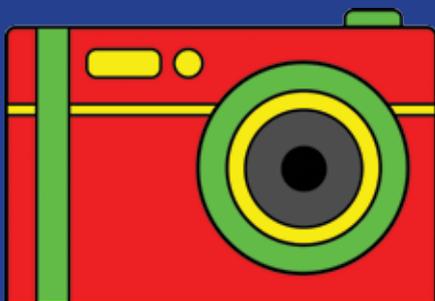
After exploring the cobbled streets and Cathedral the next stop was a buffet lunch at Azouma (4 Church Street), which specializes in Moroccan food. The choice of dishes was overwhelming and the lunch was delicious, great fun and enjoyed by everyone. (This restaurant comes highly recommended). After lunch there was time for a little retail therapy before returning home.

Thanks once again to Bryan for organizing another fun filled enjoyable day and finding such a great venue for lunch.

As this is the last Waterlines of 2014 may we take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2015.

For more 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

Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK



Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK was officially opened with thirteen Harbour Residents in attendance plus our County Councillor for Sovereign Cllr David Elkin who officially opened the event.

David brought with him his digital camera which had never been used since 2006. It was, at the time, top of the range and yet, still working as new, with no pictures taken since the purchase.



This was followed by a talk by professional photographer Ron, who gave the members a brief insight about the simple use of camera

This followed by a brief talk from Steve Lashley, a member of Kingsmere Camera Club

The evening ended by each member having a one-to-one chat with Ron and Steve.

The club will meet every Monday, but will take a break over the festive season. The last meeting for this season is Monday 15th December; to be resumed on 19th January 2015.

Look out for news and updates on: www.shra.co.uk/news.html

A Blot on our Neighbourhood



Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood is a very pleasant environment in which to live, but one drawback is the shortage of communal open space. It is, therefore, unacceptable that what is available should be littered with abandoned Asda trolleys.

Despite the efforts of our MP, our ward councillors and the SHRA, Asda just don't see it as a problem. Asda managers have also declined the offer of a place on the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel. Asda, it seems, is content to leave the trolleys until they can be collected, sometimes for more than a week.

If your area suffers from this blight, you can help. Write to Asda, or telephone as soon as you see an abandoned trolley. Also, call "Trolleywise" on 07930-662042 or 01633-892362 and request a collection. Be sure to give an accurate location with, if possible, a post code.

Alternatively, download the "Trolleywise" app to your smartphone or tablet. This app uses the GPS capability of your mobile device to pinpoint the location.

It seems that many of the trolleys are abandoned by serial offenders. If you are able to identify these anti-social neighbours, please contact our Neighbourhood First advisors, giving as much detail as possible.



The Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival will be back in 2015 on the theme of "Victorian Eastbourne by the Sea".

The Sovereign Harbour Community Association is looking for somebody to take on the task of setting up a team to construct the float and manage the Sovereign Harbour entry.

If you could be that person, please e-mail your contact details to: info@sh-ca.org

Concentus sings Christmas



Concentus, the friendly and enthusiastic Eastbourne choir established nearly ten years ago, will be singing its Christmas Concert in St Saviours and St Peters Church, South St, Eastbourne, on Saturday 20th December, starting at 4pm.

The fun-filled concert will feature a variety of Christmas pieces, both modern and traditional. A good time will be had by all!

Tickets £10 (£5 for under 16's) from the Eastbourne Tourist office, from Evelyn (01323 643358) or on the door.

Visit the website: www.concentuschorale.com

Polyphony Voices in Harmony



The award winning female choir, Polyphony Voices in Harmony, has announced 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. Polyphony Voices in Harmony raises funds for the Eastbourne Blind Society through its concert performances. If the Military Wives inspired you, visit our website:

www.sovereignpolyphony.com

email: time4music@uwclub.net

or call 01323470445.



Brushstrokes

Founded in 2011, Brushstrokes is a collective of local artists, currently garnering recognition through its regular summer exhibitions within the Eastbourne bandstand.

Working principally with paint as their medium, these mainly self-taught artists have developed their own style and language through collective engagements in their weekly art club; proving that a formal schooling in art isn't necessarily a prerequisite to creating it.



On Fridays and Saturdays, from 7th November 2014 to 3rd January, from 10am until 4pm, the group will be exhibiting its work in Eastbourne's Under Ground theatre. All works will be available to purchase by cash or cheque.

Visitors can expect to find a diversity of subject matter and genre, from figurative to abstract, dancers to flowers, and vivid, expressive colours to more decorous pastel palettes.

We regret that the venue has no wheelchair access.

For more details, visit:

www.undergroundtheatre.co.uk

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