

# Waterlines

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Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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## **AGM on a Saturday for the first time**

In past years, several members have told us that they are unable to attend the AGM due to work commitments, or because they are only around at weekends.

The SHRA committee has decided that, as an experiment, this year's AGM would be held on a Saturday in order to maximise the opportunity for members to participate.

### ***Annual General Meeting at the Haven School, Atlantic Drive***

***Saturday 21st April, 2007***

***Starting at 12:00 noon***

***Doors open 11:30 am***

### ***Members only***

Nominations for election to the committee should be sent,

in writing, to:

The Secretary,

SHRA,

PO Box 124,

Eastbourne, BN24 9AW.

To arrive no later than 12:00 noon on 14th April, 2007

## **Haven School Consultation Event**

by Alison Attwood

The SHRA Open Day on 24 February was a great success with around 300 residents taking the opportunity to discuss their views of the Harbour, and how they wish to see it develop.

The committee deliberately chose not to display its own ideas for the remaining development sites, and to work instead with a 'blank canvas' as we felt it was important for residents to tell us their own views and priorities. We provided a feedback form, and many residents took advantage of this.

We appreciate that 300 residents is a relatively small sample of the total Harbour population, and that the feedback must be treated more as a reality check rather than conclusive evidence, however there was great strength of feeling and a high level of common ground. We plan to run a wider survey in the future, meanwhile we believe the feedback from the Open Day event is a good indication of residents' views.

This feedback has now been collated into a report and sent to Ian Lucas, Leader of the Council, David Tutt, Leader of the Liberal Democrat group, David Elkin, East Sussex County Councillor for Eastbourne, and our Ward Councillors.

In summary, the feedback covered three main themes:

**Open space:** The over-development of the harbour is keenly felt and the vast majority of respondents want the remaining areas to be used to restore the balance. Residents are calling for improved landscaping, a joining up of the Eastbourne promenade and marina walkways, gardens for walking, picnic areas and play areas for children. There is very strong concern that there should be no further loss of sea and marina views.

**Sustainable community:** Whilst residents want to see more open space, this should not be read as a blanket "no" to any further development, and

there is an equally strong call for more community infrastructure.

The majority of respondents want to see further development of the Waterfront area between the North Harbour bridge and the Yacht Club, with the focus on creating a village centre, including a piazza, a variety of small shops, cafes and kiosks, places to sit and enjoy the marina ambience, no more high-rise flats and no loss of marina views. There was strong support for a medical centre and a community centre.

### **Enhancing the marina environment:**

Residents are angry about the shabby state of the harbour, particularly the marina walkways. Many residents made thoughtful and realistic suggestions for improving the harbour for residents and tourists alike, including improved cleanliness (dog/litter bins) and bench seating. Residents want the harbour entrances to be well landscaped, and are calling for trees along Atlantic and Pacific Drives.

Paul Stratford, a harbour resident and scuba diver, spoke to many residents about a proposal for a Marine and Maritime Education Centre, to be known as the Resolution Project, in the Martello Tower at Langney Point. Residents see this as an excellent use of the site, and as a valuable educational and tourist resource. You can find out more about this on page 6.

You can read the full report on the SHRA website. This feedback will be invaluable when we meet Carillion later this month to support our case for no more flats and proper community amenities. We are really grateful to everyone who attended the Open Day and gave us your time. Thank you.

Although the focus of this event was the remaining development land, a large number of people wanted to discuss the concept of the Sovereign Harbour Community Council, a subject that has generated huge interest, not only on the harbour but also in the town in general.

We are still in the early stages of

researching the possibilities, but there is a growing ground swell of support and several people have expressed an interest in becoming involved.

### **Sovereign Harbour Investment Club**

The February meeting of the Sovereign Harbour Investment Club took place at Madison Bar and Restaurant on the 27th of February 2007.

The club now has thirteen of the maximum of twenty members allowed by the constitution, five new members having joined during the past month.

Mark Taylor resigned as honorary secretary and offered himself for the position of honorary treasurer. He was proposed and seconded, and voted in by the majority.

Jon Curtis then offered himself as honorary secretary. He was proposed, seconded and voted in by the majority. Jon will carry on his other duty as the honorary officer responsible for the execution of share transactions.

Mark Taylor explained how the monthly proportionate of members share in SHICLUB would be calculated. He also explained the Inland Revenue rules, the tax implications, and the registration of SHICLUB with the Inland Revenue. Members were made aware of their duty to declare share holdings and gains.

Jon Curtis confirmed the opening of the account with E-trade and explained the use of online trading for SHICLUB. Members agreed to be informed what share to buy and to vote in an orderly open meeting attended by at least 60% of members.

Investment will commence after 1st of April 2007, the start of the Tax Year.

New members were asked to read the club constitution and to sign the document to join SHICLUB.

The honorary secretary collected the cheques for £50 which represent a one off entry fee. Members voted in a resolution to set the monthly contribution ceiling at £27. Members were asked to

set-up direct debits with their banks and to complete the form for the Inland Revenue Investment Club Certificate.

It was agreed that Howard Farmer will be responsible for setting up and documenting the club activities through a dedicated website:

**[www.shiclub.co.uk](http://www.shiclub.co.uk)**

It was suggested that representatives of selected 'blue chip' companies should be invited to talk to SHICLUB members. Sam Sweiry will explore possibilities.

The next SHICLUB meeting will be held at Simply Italian on Tuesday 27th March 2007 at 7:00pm. Jon Curtis will take the chair in the absence of the chairman.

For more information, or to join the club, e-mail **[shinvestclub@aol.com](mailto:shinvestclub@aol.com)** or visit their website: **[www.shiclub.co.uk](http://www.shiclub.co.uk)**

### **Parking Problems on the Harbour**

#### *A Timely Reminder*

May we please remind everyone that inconsiderate parking all over the Harbour is causing a nuisance to fellow residents. It is obstructing traffic flow and has on occasions caused disruption to bus services on the north harbour and refuse collections on the south harbour. The inevitable consequence is that parking in Pacific Drive is likely to be completely banned. It is also possible that it could lead to a controlled parking zone being established in the harbour residential areas.

People with pushchairs, wheel chairs and those who are visually impaired should not be expected to walk onto the road to pass vehicles that are illegally parked on the pavement. Now that the Part Two Section 38 certificate has been issued, Pacific Drive is now a public highway. Illegal parking such as this will attract fixed penalty fines, and possibly penalty points on licences.

So, please show consideration to others by parking on your own driveways or allotted parking spaces and making sure you do **not** obstruct roads and pavements, especially on 'dropped kerbs' that are for the benefit of the disabled.



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### Getting Rid Of Graffiti

Eastbourne Borough Council has a Community Enforcement Team, and team leader Amanda Glyde has given us the following information to share with residents:

"We have recently purchased graffiti removal kits and are hoping to set up Graffiti Partnerships across the Borough. What we are aiming for here, is the quick removal of graffiti from properties.

When graffiti is discovered, we are asking for a quick response from residents to contact us and the police. We will then come along, photograph the graffiti and leave a graffiti removal kit with the resident to remove the offending graffiti.

I realise that many people will not want to remove the graffiti themselves, so in order to have local residents/businesses on side, we are at the moment removing graffiti for them. However in the long run we would like people to remove their own graffiti, once we have supplied the kits.

We would not remove graffiti from developers' hoardings, but we can contact the developers and ask them to paint over it.

As there are four Community Enforcement Officers, I have divided the town up so that the officers are responsible for their own areas. I will be covering the Harbour. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me or the Team on 01323 415924 or email [communityenforcement@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:communityenforcement@eastbourne.gov.uk)

### Harbour Resident Sets Up Innovative Community English Language Teaching Project

Harbour resident Zephyr Grayland has set up an innovative English language teaching project in Eastbourne. 'English in the Community' is a not-for-profit organisation which promotes English language learning and positive links between local people and the international community. The project offers high-quality, low-cost English language lessons tailored to meet the needs of foreign nationals living locally. Based in community centres and church venues, the lessons are designed around student's needs, and also include an element of cultural awareness in which students can learn more about their local community and have an opportunity to become more involved if they choose. Classes are due to start on 16th April.

Lessons cost just £3 per hour, and are in small classes taught by CELTA qualified English language teachers. Each six-week course provides a total of 24 hours' teaching, with emphasis on English for everyday use, and for work or business. At the end of each course, students are invited to attend a talk given by a local voluntary or other community organisation based locally. They can then meet people who are actively involved with these organisations, learn more about the work they do, and perhaps join in themselves.

English in the Community would like to hear from local independent voluntary or other community groups who may wish to give a talk, particularly those whose work would be of interest to young

# Sovereign Handymen

The handyman Service for Sovereign Harbour Residents

[www.sovereignhandymen.co.uk](http://www.sovereignhandymen.co.uk)

Contact either Peter or Paul

Tel: 01323-471789 or 01323-472207      Mob: 07971-969473 or 07970-279374

E-mail: [info@sovereignhandymen.co.uk](mailto:info@sovereignhandymen.co.uk)

immigrants aged 19-25, and which have members of a similar age.

For further information, contact Zephyr Grayland, tel: 07971 908141 or view the website:

[www.englishinthecommunity.co.uk](http://www.englishinthecommunity.co.uk)

## Harbour Friends

A number of residents who came to SHRA's recent Open Day wrote in their feedback forms "if we could meet more people and make new friends, the harbour would be an even better place to live". Well that's exactly what Harbour Friends is about! Sovereign Harbour's social group is going from strength to strength, and we now have over 100 members. At Harbour Friends you will find friendly people of all ages, from 20 to 90 - singles, couples and parents - people who throw themselves energetically into everything that's going on, and others who just enjoy a quiet drink and a chat with nice people. Many of our members have turned up at a Harbour Friends evening only to recognise a neighbour and get chatting to them for the first time. It could be you!

We meet at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club every Sunday evening from about 7.15pm (unless there's a big function on), and the last Sunday of each month is our new members night (next one 25th March). We have a variety of other events and, in the last month, we've enjoyed a safari supper, quiz night, pottery painting and a whacky event called 'Not Quite Bingo'. On the horizon we have plans for a treasure hunt, bluebell walk and theatre trips. And roll on summer when we can indulge

in picnics and beach parties, with more family-friendly activities too.

You don't need to be a member of the yacht club, and you can join Harbour Friends for only £12 per year. On new member nights you are welcome to come along to meet us to see if you like us before you join - so give it a try!

Please check out our website [www.harbourfriends.co.uk](http://www.harbourfriends.co.uk), e-mail Bev at [bev@harbourfriends.co.uk](mailto:bev@harbourfriends.co.uk), or call her on 479797. Or just turn up on the last Sunday of the month. Hope to see you one Sunday.

## Marina Mums

Next meetings for Marina mums are:

From 10.30am - 12.00 on Thursday 19th April at Simply Italian on the Waterfront.

Come and join us for a coffee & chat.

Strollers & Toners classes (£2.50)

Mondays: 2.30pm, Thursdays: 9.15am. Meet outside Fitness First.

For more information on Marina Mums or Strollers and Toners, please call Mari-Anne on 01323 479280.

## STOP PRESS

The Section 38 Part Two certificate for Pacific Drive has been issued.

This means that the road is now a public highway, subject to all the laws and restrictions that apply to other Highways in the town.

The most important aspect, however, is that adoption of residential developments can now begin, at last!

# 'HOMEWATCH' by Julian R Caddy

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## The Resolution Project

On the 17th of April 2005, Scuba Divers freeing a trapped lobster pot in Normans Bay discovered a huge anchor surrounded by many large iron cannon, and so started the Resolution Project.

Based in Sovereign Harbour, the Resolution Project aims to collate past and present research with the goal being to clearly identify the now protected shipwreck.

The question that's being asked is, are these the remains of the English Warship Resolution, or could it be that of an allied Dutch Warship lost during the Battle of Beachy Head in 1690?

Whatever the final answer may be, the Resolution Project website is the hub from which to research and compile what is believed to be an amazing maritime story of survival against the forces of nature and time.

Harbour resident, and licensee for the wreck, Paul Stratford said, "we wish to discover and share information to encourage a wider awareness of our rich maritime culture, history and heritage.

We are working with various bodies to promote responsible diving with a purpose, to conserve our heritage and the rich and varied marine life that can be found beneath our coastal waters.

There is much work to be done in all areas, both above and below the water, so if you feel that you could contribute in any way, please do not hesitate make contact."

For more details, visit the website:  
**[www.resolutionproject.co.uk](http://www.resolutionproject.co.uk)**

## The Resolution Centre

For some time now, Paull Stratford has had a vision for the Martello Tower (No.66) at Langney Point to be used for something that Sovereign Harbour could be proud of.

His vision is for the Martello tower to become the H.Q. for his ongoing project incorporating a Shipwreck and Maritime Museum and Education Centre.

To have a cultural heritage site in the entrance a premier South Coast harbour would be fantastic.

Although Sovereign Harbour is relatively new it has a wealth of history and heritage that many are not aware of.

Working with other organisations, the Resolution Centre would promote this rich heritage, preserve the Maritime history and help others to study and conserve our wonderful and changing local Marine life.

Dr Peter Marsden of the Shipwreck and Coastal Heritage Centre (SCHC) in Hastings and Paul share the same vision.

Paul said, "I have the drive and determination to move the idea forward and Dr Marsden has the credentials and connections to help make the vision a reality. With the support of Carillion and local Council I believe that we could create something very special for Sovereign Harbour, its residents and visitors alike. The timing for a centre like this could not be better."

For more details, visit the website:

**[www.resolutionproject.co.uk](http://www.resolutionproject.co.uk)** and click on the 'Resolution Centre' button

# Temple Bird - Solicitors

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## Support Your Local Team!

Our local Sussex League team, Eastbourne United, managed by harbour resident Brian Dennis, is always keen to welcome new supporters. There are several harbour residents on the playing and coaching staff of the club which is always on the look-out for new players and support staff, at every level.

Planned fixtures include:

Sat.10th Mar (H) East Preston 3:00pm

Sat. 17th Mar (A) Wick 3:00pm

Sat.24th Mar (A) Selsey 3:00pm

Sat.31st Mar (H) Redhill 3:00pm

All home games are played at 'The Oval' in Channel View Road. See the SHRA website for more information.

## Help Eastbourne's Homeless.

Unfortunately, we do have a large number of homeless in Eastbourne and the Salvation Army provides them with hot meals and medical help on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, normally between 65 to 90 people attend.

Many of these people are forced to 'sleep rough' and so they are desperate for sleeping bags. If you have any that are no longer needed, this would be of great help.

Steve Isted, telephone 471271, or email [stephen.isted@btopenworld](mailto:stephen.isted@btopenworld) will be happy to arrange collection.

Please help if you can.

## Membership Renewal

As we mentioned in the February issue of Waterlines, the SHRA membership year ends on 31st March.

With your help, 2006 was a great year for harbour residents and has provided us with a platform from which to launch our campaign for the facilities that should have been provided for the creation of a sustainable community.

Handling membership renewals is a time consuming process and it will be a great help if you can renew early to stagger the workload.

Thanks to all of you who have already renewed, it is much appreciated.

If you have not yet joined, perhaps now it the time for you to act. Please complete and return the form overleaf.

## MVS 'Forties Night'

The Maritime Volunteer Service, the people who organise the harbour fun weekend and the 'World Championship Pantomime Horse Races' will be holding a fund raising 'Forties Night Commemorative Dance at St, Richard's School, Bexhill, starting at 8:00pm, on Saturday 31st March.

There will be live music from a forties style swing band and a cash bar. Included in the £17.50 ticket price is a two course 'wartime' meal.

This looks like a fun event.

For more information, see the SHRA website or ring 01424-210404.

# Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Membership Application/Renewal 2007/2008

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Address:

Sovereign Harbour North / South \*delete as applicable

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*I apply for membership of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association and understand that the information supplied above will be stored on a computer system. I also understand that this information will not be disclosed to, or shared with, any other person or organisation.*

Signature:

This form, with a cheque for £10.00, payable to 'SHRA', should be sent to:

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Sovereign Harbour Residents Association  
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