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Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) CIC

Open Meeting Cancelled

As those of you who receive our internet news updates will be aware, it had been our intention to hold an open meeting on 11th September to discuss the implications of the transfer of 'rent charge' collection from the Sovereign Harbour Trust to the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company (CIC).

In order to present a balanced view, we invited all of the SHT trustees, the Area Manager of the Environment Agency (EA), the CEO of Premier Marinas, the Development Director of Sovereign Harbour Ltd (SHL) and Stephen Lloyd MP. Stephen Lloyd and the EA Area Manager accepted, but the Secretary and two of the trustees, and the SHL Development Director were not available on the date selected. The third trustee didn't reply, and the CEO of Premier Marinas didn't reply until after the decision to cancel the meeting had been taken. Having given eight weeks notice, avoided the Summer holidays and scheduled the meeting for a Saturday, we found this particularly disappointing. The Secretary and one trustee did provide an alternative date, but this was not possible. In the circumstances, we had no alternative but to cancel the meeting.

At the meeting, it was our intention to present an update on our understanding of how the 'rent charge' came into being and an explanation of why the change

from the trust to the CIC was being made. However, in the past year or so, we have obtained new information that has made us even more convinced that this charge is unjust, possibly legally flawed and certainly morally flawed.

When considering the issue, you should always remember the original reason given for applying the 'rent charge'. Building the harbour arms interrupted the 'literal drift' of shingle from West to East along the coast, causing a build up of shingle on the Western side and stripping of the shingle on the Eastern side. The charge was intended to finance the transport of the shingle from one side of the harbour to the other.

But let's go back to 1980, when permission to build the harbour was given under the Eastbourne Harbour Act. Even then, it was recognised that construction of the harbour would have an impact on shingle movement and the Act specified that the developer of the harbour, then the Chatsworth Estate, would be responsible for rectifying any problems. In fact, it is reported that the Duke accepted liability and agreed to replenish shingle from Sovereign Harbour to Cooden, *at his own expense*.

In 1988, an agreement was made between Southern Water (SW) and the developers that a 'rent charge' would be levied on all harbour properties to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the



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beaches and waterways. Remember that the original concept was for every home to have its own berth and it seems very reasonable that, in those circumstances, the property owners should pay.

In that original agreement, SW agreed to repair the groins on the Sovereign Harbour beaches and Tarmac agreed to transport the shingle built up on the Western harbour arm across to the Eastern side. Tarmac also agreed that it would, within nine years, set up a trust to collect the 'rent charge' and manage the funds or, if it failed to do so, to lodge a bond of £2m, the interest on which would fund the beach works.

In the event, Tarmac, now Carillion, didn't move the shingle, so the Environment Agency (EA), which had taken over Southern Water's responsibilities, didn't repair the groins, resulting in their disintegration. Carillion also failed to set up the trust in the required timescale and the EA failed to insist on the payment of the £2m. Each side blamed the other and the EA declared the agreement to be null and void and withdrew from the agreement.

However, by 1997, the original harbour concept had been lost; the original plan for 650 homes had grown to 1,500 and then to 2,500. Worse, the Borough Council, having put its trust in the developers had no means of controlling the expansion. Worse still, when extending the time limit on the South Harbour Planning Application and agreeing the North Harbour application, it failed to take the opportunity to implement controls, which is why we now have about 3,700 homes and the

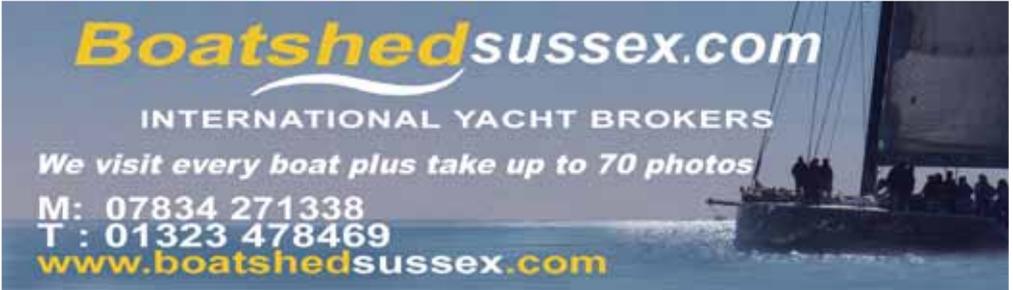
prospect of hundreds more.

A near catastrophic failure of the sea defences in 1999/2000 resulted in flooding in Pevensey Bay, and brought the situation to a head. A programme broadcast in the BBC2 Southern Eye series "Living in the Death Zone" caused a loss of confidence by prospective purchasers and the application by Carillion for Judicial Review of the EA's decision to withdraw from the agreement.

In the event, the request for Judicial Review was withdrawn and the two parties met to cobble together a new agreement, "The Sovereign Harbour Beaches Sea Defences Deed" of 2001. Despite the EA's assertion that the 1988 agreement was null and void, this deed was accepted by both parties as an 'extension' of the 1988 agreement. Interestingly, this new agreement absolved both parties of their obligations under the 1988 agreement and the responsibility for sea defences and marina maintenance was transferred to the property owners.

This second deed was not published and, although it was the basis for the formation of the Sovereign Harbour Trust (SHT), we were informed by the Charity Commission that it was not lodged with it. In fact, when we became aware of its existence, we needed to use a Freedom of Information request to obtain a copy.

It is also significant that, when property owners were required to enter into a 'Deed and Grant of Covenant' obliging them to pay a 'rent charge' to the SHT, they, and their legal representatives,



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were shown only the 1988 agreement.

The operation of the SHT has long been the subject of concern to the SHRA. Our requests for resident representation on the board of trustees have been consistently refused as have our requests for a detailed breakdown of the accounts. We had serious concerns that the trustees seemed not to be operating impartially and that the trust's income was possibly being used improperly. We consequently made a formal complaint to the Charity Commission (CC). At this point, we discovered that the CC had already ruled that the trust's activities were not charitable and that it should stop acting as a collection agency.

We were very disturbed to discover that the trustees had already set up a new company to take over the activity and that this had been financed by Sovereign Harbour Ltd. The secretary and all of the directors of the new company, the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company (CIC), were the existing trustees of the SHT.

To register a company as a CIC, there are a number of prerequisites, not least of which is that the community that will benefit from its activities must be involved in its formation and operation.

As neither of these requirements have been met, the SHRA made a complaint to the CIC Regulator.

At a late stage, the CIC has advertised for resident applicants to its board. The SHRA committee members decided unanimously that they would not apply because it was felt that to do so would be to endorse the legitimacy of the CIC, and because the selection panel would include the CEO of Premier Marinas, which it was felt was totally inappropriate considering that his company was a beneficiary of the 'rent charge'.

It is our view that to operate as a CIC, a majority of the board members should be from the community, and appointed by the community.

The SHT plans to transfer collection of the 'rent charge' to the CIC from the end of September. It seems that, apart from a change of name, little has changed. The only function of harbour residents, as so eloquently stated by the trust's secretary, is to provide the money, the only function of the CIC will be to distribute it.

We will carefully scrutinise the CIC's operation, and any shortcomings will be swiftly brought to the attention of the Regulator.

They're coming back - be ready for them!

It is rumoured that Carillion will soon be back with more applications for residential development on all of the remaining harbour development land. We know for sure that a new 'Master Plan' has been developed and this will be

presented to residents later this year.

What is very disturbing is that this appears, once again, to be supported by the Borough Council, despite the cross-party motion in 2006 that there should be no more residential development on

the harbour.

Although we have not seen the plan, there is sufficient circumstantial evidence to make us believe we will have another fight on our hands. Let's look at the evidence:

- The dreadful and flawed LDF Core Spatial Strategy Report that ignores the responses of harbour residents to justify putting more homes on the harbour.
- The assertion of planning officers that the only way to solve the problems that the developers were allowed to create on the harbour is 'housing led development'. In other words, let them get away with it again.
- The constant efforts to raise the harbour's sustainability index by lumping in the social facilities enjoyed by the Kingsmere estate.
- The setting up of the Harbour Community Association in an attempt to keep the SHRA out of the process of specifying the requirements for a community centre.

- The half-hearted, unsuccessful attempt to market the commercial sites.

Have no doubt, the applications are coming and the 'sweetener' will be a community centre, and possibly a playing field. Have no doubt too that without agreeing to hundreds more homes, we won't get the facilities. It is likely that they will also try to say that the Health Centre was part of the deal, but that is an entirely separate project.

Of one thing you can be sure, whatever facilities are offered, they will be in no way sufficient to make up for what should have been provided in the first place. Remember too that the scope for community facilities will be seriously reduced by the obligation that 30% must be 'affordable' homes.

However, Government policy has changed, now the aspirations of the community must be considered. So be ready, they will attempt to set resident against resident in an attempt to satisfy their greed. Once again, the future of the harbour will be in your hands.

Swamp Aid 2010

On 'Independence Day', 4th July, harbour residents and visitors from far and wide 'Stomped for the Swamp' at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.

The event, the brainchild of former harbour resident and 'No to B&Q' activist, Zephyr Grayland, was held to raise money to support the poor fishing communities living and working on the Gulf Coast in Louisiana. These people were still struggling to recover from the devastation caused by hurricane Katrina when they were struck by the huge oil spillage in the region.

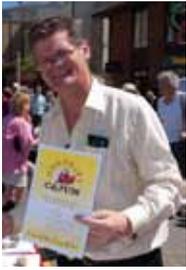
A number of bands from the surrounding area entertained the large audience with a variety of Cajun, Zydeco and New Orleans influenced music, and there were demonstrations of Cajun dancing, in which members of the audience were encouraged to participate.

One more noticeable participant was the new Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr. Carolyn Heaps. The mayor joined in with gusto and had an impromptu lesson in Cajun dancing to the delight of the public.



Members of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour were on hand all day with collecting buckets and were amazed at the generosity of the public. When the cash was counted over £400 had been dropped into their buckets.

Visitors, including Eastbourne's new MP, Stephen Lloyd were also encouraged to become 'Honorary Cajuns' by taking an oath and purchasing a certificate.



The event was put on at very short notice and the organisers were delighted at the support given to them by members and officers of the Borough Council, especially the new Lead Member for Tourism. Cllr. Neil Stanley who came

along to add his support on the day.

A massive debt of gratitude is also due to Safety Officer, Angelo Errigo who donated his considerable energy and expertise in facilitating, and overseeing the event.

A number of Cajun Bands also donated tracks for a 'Swamp Aid Benefit' CD that can still be purchased from the Swamp Aid website: www.swampaid.org

All proceeds will go to the GNOF gulf coast oil spill fund.

Participating bands were:

- Acadian Driftward
- Cajun Dawgs
- Doctor Savage
- Fabulous Jazz Caverners
- Jumbo Gumbo

So far, over £1,000 has been raised for the fund.

Health Centre Update

Concerned by the evasive response by the Chief Executive of the East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT, Mike Woods to a question at the Eastbourne Seniors Forum AGM concerning the Sovereign Harbour Health Centre, SHRA Chairman, Jan weeks, wrote to the Project Manager, Peter Waugh; this is his response:

"Two applications are pending which relate to Harbour Medical's new Medical Centre. The first is for a change to the location of the entrance from the temporary car park bell-mouth to a new point nearer to the roundabout. From residents' point of view, there is less distance from the nearest house across the road to the new entrance than there

was to the old, and the traffic generated is shared between two locations. The temporary car park can remain in use whilst the building is being constructed. The simpler entrance has resulted in a more economic and feasible scheme.

The other application will be from Carillion for permission to move and disperse the mound of shingle to the rear of the temporary car park so as to allow construction of the medical centre.

I will expect to see the medical centre site on any master plan or new structure plan because it already has full planning permission. Permission for the medical centre was granted as a change of use from the existing permission, which as you know is for employment. We await with interest to see Carillion's proposals for all of the remaining development sites in Sovereign Harbour. Carillion is now urging us on to purchase the land from them at the agreed price and we are pressing on with that.

For the project, we are getting through the various permissions needed for land purchase, discharge of planning conditions, district valuer, finance and NHS approval. Apart from summer holidays, there are no current hold-ups."

Need a Hall?

St. Richards Church in Etchingam Road is trying to raise funds. The nursery that used to hire its hall, full time, has now closed down causing a huge loss of income.

The church will be holding several social events, including a beetle drive, bingo etc. over the coming months.

Check the events page of the SHRA website for possible activities and dates.

It's a good opportunity to meet people of all ages and support the church.

Also, anyone wanting to hire the church hall, either regularly or occasional can contact the vicar, Reverend David Ashton on 01323- 761158.

RNLI Regatta



Once again it's party time for the whole family at Sovereign Harbour

The 6th annual RNLI Regatta will be hosted in the Harbour on the three days of the August Bank Holiday, 28th to 30th August. Each year the Regatta has gone from strength to strength and helped raise many thousands of pounds for Eastbourne Lifeboat.

Yacht racing, organised by the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club Race Committee, will take place in Eastbourne Bay, with 3 races on each of the 3 days.

There will also be power boat races, rowing races, a fishing boat race and events for kayaks and dingies. The very popular 'Best Dressed Fishing Boat' competition, which is always great fun, will take place on the Sunday.

In addition to the activities on the water, there will be a beer tent, fun fair, live bands, farmers' market, and much more.

For full details and programme, visit: www.eastbournernliregatta.org.uk/

Devolved Ward Budget

If you have a 'one-off' project that will benefit your community, but are short of funds, there's still time to bid for support from the Devolved Ward Budget. Each year, our ward councillors are given £10,000 of the Council Tax Income to spend on local initiatives.

Funding is open to individual residents or groups up to a maximum of £4,000. For more information, contact any one of our ward councillors.

Nordic Walking

If you are interested in what has been described as the simplest, most natural and accessible total body workout, there will be an opportunity to experience a free 'taster' session, run by a qualified instructor, in October.

The date and time will be announced in late September on the SHRA website.



Walkers will meet at the Car Park near the Ice Cream Kiosk, West of the Water Treatment Plant in Prince William Parade.

After the first session there will be a charge for four further sessions to extend your skills and it is hoped that a 'Sovereign Harbour Walking Group' will be formed from the participants.

Don't worry if your standard of walking is not good for the moment, the whole point of Nordic Walking, for which you need to buy the Nordic Walking Poles is that you improve your posture and your gait while strengthening all of your muscles. (We will have some poles on display at the taster meeting)

There are medical conditions for which Nordic Pole Walking is particularly good.

If you feel that you are heading for a walking stick, or a zimmer frame of any description please do consider Nordic Walking before you are trapped into reliance on something which encourages poor posture.

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Councillor to hold surgeries



Sovereign Harbour's County Councillor, Cllr. David Elkin, is planning to hold regular surgeries for residents.

Surgeries will be held in Simply Italian at the Waterfront, from 11:00 to 12:30, on the 3rd Saturday of every month, starting on 18th September.

Cllr. Elkin said: "Residents will be seen on a first come - first served basis, but it will be possible to make appointments for home visits on the day"

SHRA Community Award



At the Haven School Year Six Leaver's Service on 22nd July, SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, presented the SHRA community Award to Oscar Williams.

The award, designed by harbour resident, Marj Pratt, will be awarded to the pupil who, in the opinion of the Haven School, has done most in support of the local community.

The award will be presented on an annual basis and the winner also receives a personal award to keep.

Harbour Community Association

The Harbour Community Association (HCA) was recently established by a constitution, which was adopted in March 2010 and approved by Eastbourne Borough Council. Its main objective is to identify the social requirements of the Sovereign Harbour community and to enable the provision of venues in which these activities could take place.

The HCA is a voluntary organisation which aims to bring together all those parties, including residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, concerned with furthering the interests of the local community.

A longer term aim is to secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage it in co-operation with other interested parties. The Harbour Community Association is a strictly non-political organisation supporting our Harbour community.

The Association will be financed by a grant of £2,500 which has been received from the Borough Council. This will be used to enable the renting of facilities and purchase equipment and storage to facilitate activities within the Harbour for the benefit of residents of the Harbour. In order to establish residents' priorities, the HCA is now conducting a survey.

At the same time, the HCA is trying to identify likely venues and establishing their availability so that, when the survey results are analysed, it will then be in a position to organise as many of the activities as possible. They will, of course, not be able to put everything on all at once, but will certainly endeavour to do as much as they can. Please take the time to complete and return the survey to enable them to move forward.

Since April the HCA has agreed upon a plan of action which has included meetings with established community Groups, Ward Councillors, individuals, schools etc.

HCA Treasurer, Shirley Davis, said "The

support and goodwill so far has been tremendous and thanks must go firstly to the Ward Councillors for their belief in us, support and advice, together with the KCA and special thanks to SHRA who although initially sceptical has since gone out of their way to help by way of support, encouragement and including help with publicising and distributing our survey.

At this stage we have managed to acquire some space at Haven School on Friday evenings, along with required storage facilities, which we aim to begin using in October this year.

This will give us time to get the surveys in, evaluate the requirements and hopefully find the right people to assist with the activities.

We are still negotiating with other organisations to find more space for daytime activities and this is ongoing.

We will also be actively fund raising and putting in funding applications to raise as much as we can so that we can rent as much space as possible in order to put on as many activities as possible.

Our aim, once we have some activities up and running, is to encourage more people to join our committee to take the Association forward so that, when we do get a Community Centre, a Management Committee will be up and running with groups fully operational so that the transition will be easy."

Please complete and return the survey on the next page to the address at the bottom.

For further information, please leave a message on the SHRA helpline, 07770-621368, and somebody will return your call.

Or e-mail: hca@shra.co.uk

You can also complete the survey online by visiting the SHRA website: www.shra.co.uk/hcasurvey

Harbour Community Association Activities Survey

The Harbour Community Association has been set up to try to meet some of the needs of you and your neighbours, particularly with regard to spare time interests and activities.

To do this we need to know what pursuits and activities in which you are interested in taking part, and those that would further the interest of Harbour residents.

Below is a list of activities already suggested. If you are interested in any of them, please indicate by marking the associated box with a cross:-

Art & Craft Classes

Drama Group

Advise Surgeries

Older Peoples Social Groups

Keep Fit Group

Indoor Carpet Bowls

Scouts/Guides Groups

Brownies/Cubs Groups

Children's Clubs

Line Dancing

Youth Clubs

Bingo

Please list below any other activities in which you would be interested.

Your Age Group: 18-21 22-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 Over 60

We would be very interested to hear from:

- Anybody interested in joining our committee.
- Qualified Youth Workers, who have been CRB checked, and would be prepared to donate some time.

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Safe Skills for Boat Owners



It's good to be able to report the successful launch of an initiative from the Sovereign Harbour lifeboat crew, which will contribute to the safety of boat users.

In October 2009 the Coxswain of our lifeboat, Mark Sawyer, got together with other crew members and launched 'Sea Training Sussex' (STS). He recognised that there was a need to provide reasonably priced practical training with a strong emphasis on safety for boat owners and prospective boat owners.

As he says, "Sovereign Harbour lies at the edge of the busiest sea lane in the world and too many sailors take boats out without the right knowledge and experience". He regularly sees the consequences of this in his life boat role.

Mark is the principal lecturer at STS, which is based at Office 3 in the Tate and Crewe boat yard, where classroom sessions take place. However, emphasis is placed on practical training in the four boats they use, which are moored adjacent to the Waterfront. The practical experience of the lecturers, which are mainly life boat crew, enable them to make training sharp and relevant, while bringing it to life.

A spectrum of RYA accredited training is available from basic boat handling tuition right through to Power Boat Level 1 & 2 and the theory requirement of the Day Skipper course. Aware of the changes in European legislation that the UK will follow, STS also provide tuition leading

to the ICC Certificate of Competence. This is a prerequisite of using European inland waterways.

STS intends to maintain a first class training establishment with its focus on safety and practical skills and will provide a welcome addition to the Harbour and a welcome contribution to safety at sea.

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A reduction of 10% on normal prices is available to current SHRA members.

New member discounts

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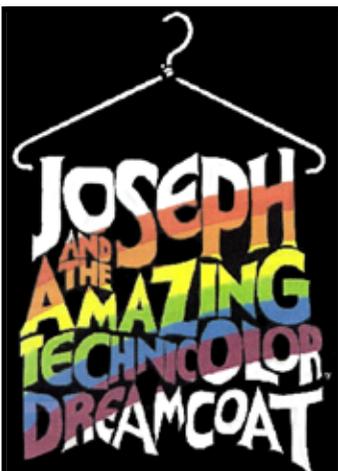
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Congratulations to both pupils and teachers of Diamond Class at The Haven Primary School on their recent production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.

The pupils showed great enthusiasm in their singing and acting to produce a musical that was enjoyed by all.

The performances over two nights raised money for the Degola Chinchaye School in Ethiopia, which is supported by The Haven School.

Goodbye and Good Luck



In August 2001 Martin Keenan became the minister of Hailsham Methodist Church and also involved in the planting of the Church at the Haven school. Since September 2005 he has

been full time minister of the Haven church.

The Haven church ran a youth club for young people in the Harbour and Langney Point for 3 years; in conjunction with the school there is a Parent & Toddler group running every week in term time. Each September the church has held a free Fun Day for the community in the school grounds.

Martin said: "My vision is of a church that is a haven for people who have been hurt by life, a church where people can feel as accepted as they would in their local pub, where they can be as excited about their relationship with God as they are about their football team. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, we all need that relationship with God through Jesus Christ without which we are still searching for the next big thrill. My vision is of a church 'where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came'."

Martin also worked as Team Chaplain to the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team and as a Volunteer Counsellor at the Shinewater Shaftsbury Centre.

He is married to Anne and they have one daughter Tamar who will be staying in Hailsham when they move to the Moray Coast of Scotland to take over six Methodist churches in the North of Scotland Mission Circuit."

Sussex WRAS



East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service (WRAS) has been a registered charity (1108880) since 2005. However some of its volunteers like founder Trevor Weeks have been undertaking wildlife rescue and conservation work since 1985.

When founder Trevor Weeks started, his main role was volunteering for various groups and individuals who called him out to attend rescues of various animals from badgers to bats. Many of these individuals and groups have closed down over the years and Trevor found himself having to help more and more casualties and pay for their veterinary treatment. This eventually became too much for him to handle on his own so he called a public meeting asking for help. East Sussex Wildlife Rescue was born.

East Sussex Wildlife Rescue continued to work on behalf of the Swan Sanctuary, Fox Project, local Badger groups, Sussex Bat Hospital and other wildlife centres like Folly Wildlife Rescue, RSPCA and others. Unfortunately many other rescue centres in and round Sussex have closed down pushing more work on these existing rescue organisations. Over the past five years WRAS has found it more and more difficult to find places for casualties to go and be treated, as a result WRAS set up its first Casualty Care Centre in the grounds of Horsebridge Veterinary Centre near Hailsham.

This saw WRAS's vets bills explode up to £54,000 a year. In January 2009 WRAS decided to move to Whitesmith to be more independent and pay for its own locum vet as well as using local veterinary centres for emergencies and

urgent veterinary care. This has seen WRAS's veterinary expenses drop to about £7,000 a year.

The recession hit WRAS as it has most charities and has seen a decrease in donations but with careful planning and some hard decisions on what work WRAS can and can't afford to deal with, the charity seems to be pulling through. WRAS is now in a position where it can expand and has taken on a unit over five times the current size of its small Casualty Care Centre. The new Casualty Care Centre will eventually have different rooms for different types of casualties as well as an examination area, food preparation area, quarantine area, staff room, meeting/training area, kitchen and toilet facilities.

Trevor Weeks is now back managing the Casualty Centre, and his knowledge and experience, accompanied by Monica Russell and Kathy Martyn, has made a major difference to the success of WRAS's current small Casualty Care Centre.

The new Casualty Centre will be officially opened by CBBC TV presenter, Sarah Jane Honeywell on 4th September, but that's only the start. WRAS cannot afford to develop the entire facility in one go and will have to fund-raise for each room and the various equipment and resources which will be needed over a three to five year period, slowly expanding. WRAS's landlord has very generously provided the unit at a discounted price, but the help of the public will be crucial in making this project a real success.

WRAS need your financial support, but if you can provide equipment at reduced cost, or even free of charge, that would be very welcome. If you are in the building trade and would be prepared to donate some of your time and expertise, the Projects Officer, David Breden, would be very pleased to hear from you on 078847-010451.

For more information on the Sussex Wildlife Rescue Ambulance, or to find out how you can donate, visit: www.wildlifeambulance.org

Community Police Update



PC Ed Faulkner and PCSO Martin Hylands

The School Summer holidays are with us again, and your local Policing Team are stepping up our activities to try to reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour that may be caused.

Operation Blitz is running every night of the week. Please remember to give them a call if an incident should happen near to you. For more information on Blitz please contact me.

At the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting the issue of cycle thefts were raised. The harbour has been targeted by thieves a lot recently and so we are reminding everyone to keep their cycles secure, locking them up with good quality locks when either out and about, or being stored in underground car parks or at home.

Sgt. Ed Ripley said: "We have received a number of reports of bicycle thefts from insecure sheds and communal parking areas.

Please ensure that your bicycles are locked with a good quality lock. I would suggest using a heavy duty padlock to secure your shed door. Shed alarms are also available and may be purchased through your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Please contact me for further details. If you have any information regarding this or any other issue then please do not hesitate to contact me, or phone Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111"

Finally, in the last edition of Waterlines, we publicised Operation Kraken. We have had some useful information from

residents about security and suspicious activity on the harbour. Please remember that whilst the Harbour is a great place to live, there are also issues around the working harbour.

You may notice PCSO Martin Hylands around the harbour working with colleagues from the Operation Kraken team. He is actively checking boats that come into the harbour at various times.

Please contact us if there is anything you would like to tell us about.

SH Neighbourhood Panel News

The invited guest at the 15th July panel meeting was Lee Browning from Sussex and Surrey Probation Service.

Lee attended the meeting in response to a bid submitted by the Neighbourhood Panel for a harbour-wide clear up using the Community Payback Team.

The Neighbourhood Panel, in response to requests from residents, has submitted a bid to the Councillors Devolved Ward Budget funds for dual purpose Refuse/Dog Bins to be placed adjacent to bus stops on Atlantic and Pacific Drives. It was felt that as well as being a benefit to the harbour community it would help the general environment.

Dog fouling and litter is a number one priority, not only around the harbour, but all over Eastbourne.

At a previous meeting, the panel suggested that warning signs should be erected to ensure that dogs are kept on leads around and across the pedestrian locks and bridges and that dogs should be kept on leads at the Waterfront. These signs are now in place.

Please be aware that riding bicycles around and across the pedestrian locks and bridges is not allowed. Apart from being anti-social and inconsiderate to pedestrians, it is highly dangerous.

For more information about the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel visit: www.eastbournenp.org

Harbour Clubs and Groups

For more information on any of these groups, call the number given, or visit the 'Harbour Clubs' page of the SHRA website (www.shra.co.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.htm

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

New members welcome. You don't need to own a boat - social members also welcome.

Enjoy the friendly clubhouse, good food and great fun. Open Tuesday-Thursday 17:00-22:30, Friday-Saturday 12:00-23:00 and Sundays 12:00-22:30.

Call in anytime or contact Alison, membership secretary, on 479429 for more information

Strollers and Toners

Get fit, tone up, make friends, feel better Mondays at 2:30 - 3:30pm. Cost £2.50

Thursdays at 9:15 - 10:15am

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

Please call Mari-Anne (fully qualified and insured) on 01323-479280, or visit: www.strollersandtoners.co.uk

Vet's Football

The Vets Football Team has now been running successfully for over three years, but more players are welcome to join, from the ages of 32 to 60, to play Sunday mornings on a casual basis.

All abilities and fitness levels welcome. For more information, contact Frank:

vetsfooty@hotmail.com

www.shra.co.uk/vetsfootball.htm

Harbour Friends

Whether you are new to the Harbour or have lived here for sometime, joining Harbour Friends is a great way to meet new people. Harbour Friends is a social group for Harbour residents of all ages, whether single or a couple. The group meets every Sunday at 7:15pm in the first floor bar at the Yacht Club.

If you are interested in joining, as long as you are a Harbour Resident, come along to our New Members evening which is held on the last Sunday of every month.

For more information visit our website at www.harbourfriends.co.uk.

Or, ring Bev on 01323-479797 or e-mail her at bev@harbourfriends.co.uk

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 Freda Stalker on: 01323-471798. www.shra.co.uk/wi

Sovereign Harbour Racing Club

The Sovereign Harbour Racing Club meets on a number of occasions through the year for excursions to local racecourses.

For more information on the Racing Club, please visit www.shra.co.uk

Sovereign Harbour Social Club

The Sovereign Harbour Social Club meets every Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:30am in Seamoor's at the Waterfront for coffee.

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

All are welcome. For further details contact Sam Sweiry on 01323-479111.

www.harbourseniors.co.uk

Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Membership Application/Renewal 2010-2011

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Address:

Sovereign Harbour North / South *delete as applicable

Postcode: BN23

Telephone: -

E-mail:

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 **per household**, payable to 'SHRA', should be sent to:

The Membership Secretary,
Sovereign Harbour Residents Association
PO Box 124,
Eastbourne,
East Sussex, BN24 9AW.

For SHRA use only.

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Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour

Having reached its target of twenty members, the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour held its inaugural meeting on 8th June, less than a year after being formed.



Club President, Don Perman with Rotary District Governor, Euan Eddy at the meeting

Since receiving it's charter, the club has inducted three new members and has

been very active in the community

Club members were on hand throughout the day at the recent Swamp Aid event and were responsible for collecting over £400.



Club members with Stephen Lloyd MP and the Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr. Carolyn Heaps at Swamp Aid

The Club members and their guests, and members of other Rotary Clubs, will be celebrating the inauguration at a 'black-tie' dinner at the Langham Hotel on 21st October.

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm at Simply Italian on the Waterfront and prospective members are very welcome.

For more information call Don Perman on 01323-479713.