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Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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***Sovereign Harbour Residents Association
Annual General Meeting
for members only***

***at the
Haven School, Atlantic Drive***

Thursday, 26th May 2011

Starting at 7:30 pm

Doors open 7:00 pm

Vacancies exist for new committee members

Nominations, in writing,

should be sent to:

The Secretary,

SHRA,

PO Box 124,

Eastbourne, BN24 9AW.

To arrive no later than 12:00 noon on

Wednesday 19th May

SHRA Helpline 07770-621368



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The Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Annual General Meeting will be open only to current members, (New style card with printed name and expiry date later that 26th May 2011)

Please note that only holders of a current membership card will be admitted to the meeting.

We would like as many members as possible to attend the meeting, but we simply don't have the resources to process membership renewals at the door. If you plan to attend the meeting, please ensure you renew your membership in good time.

If you are not a current member, why not join us now, and come along to the meeting.

The AGM this year has been postponed until after the Borough Council elections.

Stephen Lloyd MP has accepted our invitation to join us and, as the Borough Council elections results will be known, we hope that our ward councillors will also be there.

In light of expected committee vacancies, it is imperative that, if the SHRA is to continue its work, prospective new committee members come forward. If you feel you could contribute to our work, and have the time to spare, you will be very welcome.

Nominations, proposed and seconded by current members, should be submitted, in writing, to:

The Secretary

SHRA

PO Box 124

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Please note that nominations must be received by mid-day on Wednesday 19th May.

Keep Yourself Up-to-Date With What's Happening on the Harbour

If you want to keep abreast of the latest news, and events taking place in and around the harbour, there's no better starting point than the SHRA website, www.shra.co.uk, so why not make it your Internet 'Home Page'.

The 'Updates' line highlights new entries with links to the relevant pages so you can quickly see what's changed.

However, there is another easy way to keep yourself informed, the SHRA's electronic newsletters, or 'E-bulletins', which are sent out whenever there are important issues or news items.

You don't have to be an SHRA member to subscribe, and there is no charge for the service, just click on the button on the website 'Home' page and you will automatically be added to the mailing list.

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For more details, and to register online, visit

www.h4h.rotarysh.org

Night to Remember



night to REMEMBER 2011 MIDNIGHT WALK

Gather your girlfriends for a girls' night out to remember.

After the amazing success of its first ever ladies only midnight walk in Eastbourne in 2010, the Chestnut Tree House Childrens' Hospice has announced its second midnight walk on Saturday 14th May 2011.

Last July, 430 ladies took to the streets and seafront of Eastbourne and raised a fantastic £57,000 for Chestnut Tree House. They would like to invite you once again to take Chestnut's Challenge and gather your girlfriends for a 'Night to Remember' - a ten mile walk along Eastbourne's seafront, raising money for Chestnut Tree House, the only children's hospice in Sussex.

The walk will start from The Sovereign Centre, and costs £15 per person to enter which includes your 'Night Pack' (a new and exclusive purple T-shirt, torch and medal), fund-raising pack, and refreshments en route. Places are limited and will sell out quickly so register now to avoid disappointment. Registration closes on 15th April and you cannot enter on the night.

To find out more and to register, visit: www.nighttoremember.org.uk or call 01903-871843.

A number of marshals will be needed to help the smooth running of the event. If you are able to help, please call the number above.

Are You Paying Too Much Council Tax?

It has been brought to our attention that some of the residents of 4/5 bedroom town houses on the South Harbour have just received a letter from the Valuation Office that their Council Tax banding is being altered.

www.voa.gov.uk/where/south_east/eastbourne_office.htm

Apparently a new tenant moved in and challenged why the Council tax band was F when a similar property on another part of the estate was E.

It seems that, having investigated, the Valuation Office agreed and have altered the existing entry from F to E and back dated the valuation to the date of moving in. This means residents can expect not only a lower Council tax bill from now on but also a refund on any over-payments.

On such a large development with so many similar dwellings it would seem likely that this is not an isolated instance.

We feel, therefore, it would benefit residents to check on the Valuation Office website which band their neighbours are in.

www.voa.gov.uk/council_tax/cti_home.htm

If you feel you have been wrongly banded, you should contact the Valuation Office and ask for a revaluation, but beware, your vand could be increased. If you fond you have been overcharged, please e-mail the full details to waterlines@shra.co.uk

Is Your Trust Deed Registered

When we all purchased our properties, the 'Deed and Grant of Covenant' that we signed obliged us to pay the 'Marina Rent Charge' forever, or to pass on the responsibility to subsequent purchasers of the property.

In order to pass on the responsibility, it was essential that the deed was lodged with the Land Registry. The solicitor

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who acted for your purchase should have done this as part of the process.

However, a number of solicitors failed to lodge the deed, resulting in a number of residents now being contacted by the Sovereign Harbour Trust, advising them that, unless the situation is rectified, their responsibility for the charge will continue, even if the property is sold. Property owners are advised to contact their solicitors, who should rectify the situation.

You might well ask how so many properties slipped through the net, and why it has taken the Sovereign Harbour Trust eight years or more to realise what had happened. Residents who query the problem with the Trust are told that their solicitor was given all the relevant information and is responsible for putting things right.

One of our members, who has been notified by the Trust that his property has not been registered, instructed solicitors Cripps Harries Hall to act for him when purchasing his property.

Cripps Harries Hall also act for the Sovereign Harbour Trust; how embarrassing for them.

Another member spent nearly a week on the phone trying to trace her solicitors until the Law Society eventually told her they were no longer in business. Their archive department, who never phoned back, told her that the records would only have been kept for six years. She then found the legal ombudsman through a link on the law society site. They have been extremely helpful and she will keep us updated on the outcome.

Council Blitz on Irresponsible Dog Owners

Eastbourne Borough Council has launched a new dog fouling awareness campaign in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to encourage irresponsible dog owners to clean up after their pets.

New posters and flyers for 2011 feature the message 'There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy: Bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do'.



The campaign aims to tackle the problem of increasing amounts of bagged dog faeces being left behind as people fail to dispose of their bags properly after cleaning up after their pets.

Harbour Friends Celebrates 6th Birthday With a Swing

CAB + HF pronounced success!

No this is not a new language but refers to the Citizens Advice Bureau and Harbour Friends getting together to raise funds for the CAB.

£200 was raised during the combined quiz night held on 20th March. A good turnout ensured an enjoyable evening of quizzing which woke up the dormant brain cells of many a Harbour resident.

As usual there was lots of laughter and lots of accusations of cheating and appeals for leniency – but a light hearted quiz wouldn't be the same if everyone agreed would it?

Many thanks to those who donated raffle prizes.

Events planned for the future:

10th April - Getting to know you - speed meeting game. A fun way of meeting people. There's sure to be lots of hilarity with this one.

8th May - Quiz night. You don't have to be brainy to attend this one.

26th June – Beetle Drive – no beetles are injured during this event.

17th July - Not quite Bingo – well what else?

Events still in the planning stages include a visit to Littleington Tea rooms and plant nursery, Pub Skittles, a session of Ten Pin Bowling and, of course, the Summer BBQ.

No transport? Don't let the absence of a car put you off. If we can help with this we will.

If you are a Harbour resident, why not come along and join a friendly bunch of people. Harbour Friends are always keen to see new faces and a friendly welcome is guaranteed

Membership is only £16 per year. What a bargain!

For further information telephone Bev on 01323 479797 or email bev@harbourfriends.co.uk

A good turnout ensured that the 6th anniversary party of the Harbour friends was a very successful evening.

The Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club was filled to capacity.

The night was made even more enjoyable by Eastbourne's own version of Michael Buble, 'The Crooner', Tom Fitzpatrick (formerly known as the Teenage Crooner – now no longer a teenager!), who performed brilliantly songs by Frank Sinatra, Deane Martin, Sammy Davis, Scott Walker and of course, Michael Buble.



A birthday cake, raffles and prizes went to make the evening complete.

A big thanks to Bev Adams, the founder of Harbour Friends, for organising such a fantastic party.



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Harbour WI (by Judy Latter)

The Langham Hotel was the venue for 40 Ladies of the Harbour W.I. to enjoy an Afternoon Tea, coupled with a 'Bring and Buy' on Monday the 28th March. The event was a great success and raised £238 for the W.I. funds (as well as a lovely tea!).

On Monday 14th March, 58 Members, 1 New Member and 3 Visitors were fascinated to hear speaker, Linda Bostock, tell them all about Herbal Remedies that our ancestors have been using for centuries. Most of the plants they used – and she still uses today – can be found just walking along the beach or in the hedgerows. She can make a concoction to help most complaints or ailments from these natural ingredients.

The afternoon continued with a talk by Roger Batho and Rachel Ayres from the Re-cycling division of Eastbourne Borough Council. They gave a short explanation on why we should re-cycle. It was an interesting talk and very informative. They explained where all the materials went and why. It was comforting to learn that so much can be reused.

The Craft Club met on Monday, 21st March for an all-day session to learn how to do quilting under the instructions of Freda Stalker. Everyone went home with a small sampler and every intention of doing more! They meet every third Monday of the month in Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall at 2.00pm and will be 'Pebble and Pot Painting' next month with Pat Lake.

Future events include a Fashion Show on 7th April in Debenhams with free refreshments and raffle, a trip to Highclere (where the filming takes place for television's 'Downton Abbey') on 26th April and a trip to Wimbledon on the 6th May.

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Yacht Club at 2.00pm. April's Meeting will be a talk on the work carried out by 'St Wilfred's Hospice'.

The Membership for The Harbour W.I. has reached a maximum for the premises where it is held, but there is a waiting list for anybody who wishes to join in the future. Visitors are always welcome.

For further information please contact Frances Harrap on 01323 472649.

Flood Defence Public Forum

The annual Flood Defence Public Forum for 2011, organised by Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd, will be held from 2:00pm until 6:00pm on the afternoon of Thursday, 28th April at St Wilfrid's Hall, Pevensey Bay.

All harbour residents are welcome.

This is a great opportunity to see what is being done to keep the harbour safe from flooding and to meet the people who carry out the work.

A limited number of places are available for local clubs and organisations that would like to exhibit at the event, contact Ian Thomas on 01323-761202.

The Eastbourne Plan



Following the very well attended Eastbourne Plan consultation event, the SHRA raised a petition saying *"We, the undersigned, believe that there are no grounds for further residential development at Sovereign Harbour, and that any such development would be unsustainable. Further we believe that the remaining development land at Sovereign Harbour should be used to provide the facilities necessary to create a sustainable community.*

We call on Eastbourne Borough Council to amend the Local Development Framework to exclude the 150 further homes recommended for Sovereign Harbour."

Over 1,550 residents and visitors to the harbour signed the petition and it was very obvious that many more people would have been willing to sign had we had the resources to get around to all of you. If you would have liked to sign, but didn't get the opportunity, we apologise.

A large number of harbour residents submitted comments on the plan, the vast majority opposed to the vision for the Sovereign Neighbourhood.

The SHRA also submitted its comments, with the above petition attached. The complete document was delivered in person by SHRA chairman, Jan Weeks and vice-chairman, Rick Runalls and it was accepted on behalf of the council by the Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr, Carolyn Heaps.

The SHRA comments can be viewed on its website www.shra.co.uk.

As well as the comments submitted by residents, comments were also made by other stakeholders, some of which were very interesting, as they seemed to contradict the information being given by senior officers of the Borough Council.

For example, in an informal meeting with a senior planning officer, members of the SHRA committee voiced their opinion that the constant odours emanating from the Water Treatment Works were an indication that the plant was working close to its capacity. The response was that the plant was nowhere close to its capacity and "could easily cope with a further 20,000 homes."

However, in its comments on the Eastbourne Plan, Southern Water states that the Eastbourne waste water treatment works is currently operating close to capacity and, in its view the Core Strategy should explicitly recognise the need for additional wastewater treatment capacity in order to serve the development proposed.

In the same meeting, when concerns were expressed that there was a requirement for more family homes in the town, the senior officer responded that the council's research showed a very strong demand for more flats.

The comments from the land owner's agent seek, unsurprisingly, to represent Sovereign Harbour as an almost fully sustainable community, needing only a community centre and a playing field to complete the necessary social infrastructure.

They say that Neighbourhood 14's rating of 12th out of 14 neighbourhoods "misrepresents the neighbourhood's sustainability." This is one area in which we agree. However, our view is that without the cynical re-drawing of the neighbourhood boundaries, Neighbourhood 14 would be sitting firmly at the bottom of the table with very little hope of ever rising above it,

the land owners agents, however, feel that Neighbourhood 14 should be well up the sustainability list.

The agents also put forward the opinion that the harbour, as it now is, could easily sustain many more new homes than the 150 proposed within the plan.

Their vision for the harbour, which can be viewed on the SHRA website, bears such a remarkable resemblance to the vision put forward in the Eastbourne Plan that you might question who actually wrote the plan.

Since submitting our comments, members of the SHRA committee attended a meeting with Council Leader, Cllr. Tutt, Opposition Group Leader, Cllr. Elkin, EBC Chief Executive, Robert Cotrill, and Senior Head of Planning, Jefferson Collard. The meeting was chaired by Stephen Lloyd MP.

Discussions were frank and, although there are still wide differences, it was felt there was sufficient common ground to warrant further discussions in the near future.

We hope that the imminent Borough Council elections will not be too much of a distraction.

Award for SHRA Chairman



At the 2011 Eastbourne Achievers Award Ceremony, held at the Winter Gardens on 1st April, SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, was runner-up in the 'Good Neighbour of the Year' Category; the winner was the Rotary Club of Eastbourne.

Jan received her award for her work with the SHRA, the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel, the Haven School and Rotary.

Fancy a Day of Quality Golf?



The Garden Bar Golf Society is looking for new members to join them for a once a month 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.

Members pay £60 per head for their day out, which includes transport to and from the course, full English breakfast, a day of golf and an evening meal. If you'd like a sample, guests are always welcome.

For more information call in to the Garden Bar at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront or e-mail gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk.

Want to Play Sunday football?

The Garden Bar Sunday football team is looking for new players.

The team, which plays its home games at Hampden Park, is current champion of the Lewes and District Premiership, and is riding high this year too.

Last year they were runners-up in three knock-out cup tournaments, and hope to do better this year.

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.

Community Police Update by PC Ed Faulkner



PC Ed Faulkner and PCSO Martin Hylands

Fortunately, things have been fairly quiet over the past few weeks.

However, the fine weather and longer days with lighter evenings will be tempting us into our gardens.

This is the time of year when people forget to lock their sheds and garages, and forget to lock their windows when they leave the house.

This is also the time of year when opportunist thieves are on the lookout for unlocked sheds and garages and open windows. If you want to keep your garden tools, bicycles and valuables safe, always check before leaving home; a minute spent then can save hours of inconvenience later.

We are very pleased to welcome Insp. Steve Tullet as the new head of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Many of you will remember Steve from the time he spent as the Eastbourne East Neighbourhood Sergeant.

Health Centre Progressing Well



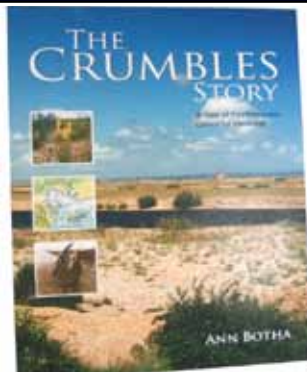
After several weeks of 'below ground' works, the Sovereign Harbour Health Centre is finally beginning to take shape above ground level.



Work is progressing on a number of fronts and the site is bustling with activity.

It is expected that progress will be swift and it will not be too long before we see the completion of the basic structure. Work will then start on fitting out the interior and installation of the equipment.

The Crumbles Story



Since November 2007, the SHRA has been selling copies of 'The Crumbles Story' by local author, Ann Botha.

Ann has generously donated 30% of the proceeds to charities of the SHRA's choice.

To date, Waterlines readers and visitors the the SHRA website have purchased 177 copies and well over £400 has been donated to charity.

To purchase a copy, visit the SHRA website: www.shra.co.uk.

Spring Offer from Harbour Counsellor

As a Spring incentive, professional counsellor and harbour resident Tory Macdonald, is pleased to offer half-price initial Counselling Consultations until the end of May 2011.

SHRA members will also receive a 10% discount on subsequent consultations (usually £40, reduced to £36 per hour). All contact is treated in the strictest confidence.

For more information, visit:
www.listening-to-you.co.uk

Veterans Football



The pre-match build-up for the Sovereign Harbour Veterans football match with the Baltic Exchange Veterans (Croydon) is underway.

This now annual Veterans fixture takes place at Hampden Park (Sussex Downs Sports Park) on Sunday 1st May. Kick-Off 10.30 am.

The Sovereign Harbour Veterans currently hold the upper hand on these hard fought encounters against the veterans from Croydon, hopefully they can increase that advantage on Sunday 1st May.

Anyone, especially Harbour residents would be more than welcome to come along and give them some support (especially after the final whistle !!!).

The Sovereign Harbour Veterans play every Sunday on a casual basis, but they look forward to the few competitive eleven-a-side fixtures they play.

The majority of the players live on the harbour, so the football gives them a good chance of meeting up once a week for a kick about, and gaining a bit of fitness.

More details at:
www.shra.co.uk/vetsfootball.htm or contact Frank Milmo on 07771-610158

Sovereign Singers Concerts



The Sovereign Singers will be holding a number of "Spring Concerts" during May, as follows:

Saturday May 7th

Sovereign Polyphony will sing in concert with the Eastbourne Silver Band at St Andrew's Church Seaside in the evening - tickets from the Church.

Saturday May 14th

From 10 am to noon - Sovereign Singers entertain with a programme of varied songs for listening & joining in at the Under Ground Theatre, Grove Road - free entry.

Friday May 20th at 7:30pm

Sovereign Polyphony Spring Concert at the Eastbourne Blind Society Hall - free entry.

Saturday May 21st at 7:45pm

Sovereign Polyphony Spring Concert in Christ Church, Seaside - free entry.

Details

www.shra.co.uk/sovereignsingers.htm

Royal Sovereign Nets Torpedo



In the evening of 8th February, one of Sovereign Harbour's local fishing vessels, the 'Royal Sovereign' hauled up a torpedo.



At about 6:00pm, the vessel was instructed not to enter the marina with the torpedo. Following discussion between Dover Coastguard, the fishing vessel and Premier Marinas, it was agreed to attach a buoy to the torpedo and leave it in safe water outside the harbour.

At about 8:00pm, the Royal Navy bomb disposal arrived at the marina and travelled by boat to the torpedo. At about 8:30pm, the Royal Navy confirmed that the torpedo was not live and was safe.

They returned to the marina at 06:00am the next day to recover it. The Royal Navy Bomb disposal unit has advised that the torpedo is a WWII UK Mk9.

The Royal Navy team believes that the warhead broke free somewhere off Beachy Head, leaving the air vessel,

balance chamber and engine sections. The remains of the torpedo have been recovered ashore near Premier's hoist bay and are due to be removed by a collector.

East Dean and Friston Art Group Exhibition



Local artists who are members of the East Dean & Friston Art Group will be exhibiting their work over the May Bank Holiday.

This annual event which is held in the East Dean Village Hall attracted over 600 visitors last year and is hoped that will be exceeded this year.

Show coordinator Bob Evans told us "The Show has always been popular with visitors and we look forward to welcoming them back again this year."

He added "The paintings that will be on display will be available for purchase and have all been created by the members of our Art Group.

On the opening afternoon visitors will also have the opportunity to see a live demonstration of painting in acrylics by Eastbourne based Derek Baulcomb whose work has been exhibited in the Carisbrooke Gallery in London and regularly donates a painting to the Eastbourne Air Show".

Show times:

- Saturday 30th April 2pm-5pm
- Sunday 1st May 10am - 5pm
- Monday 2nd May 10am - 4pm

Admission and parking for the event is free

Refreshments will be available

Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour

March was a very busy month for the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour, with two fund raising dinners being held in the second half of the month.

On 16th March, the Club hosted a dinner at the Langham Hotel to say farewell to a 'Vocational Training Team' of five visiting teachers from Kerala in Southern India. The meal was attended by 40 guests from eleven Rotary clubs across Kent and Sussex.

The group had spent a month, with seven different hosts, visiting schools and facilities for the physically challenged to gain an insight into the UK's teaching methods and approaches.

These activities were combined with cultural visits to many of the region's historic towns, and two trips to London.

After the meal, District Governor, John Dunkley, presented a cheque for £2,290 for the Kerala limb appeal to the team leader, K J Louis from the Rotary Club of Changanacherry.

For the second event On the 24th March was a fund raising evening at The Happy Dragon, Pevensey Bay in aid a of The

and fun.

The first prize in the raffle, a car valet inside and out plus a spring service check, was donated by Sterling Automotive.



The Happy Dragon generously donated two £20.00 vouchers for the restaurant as well as a bottle of bubbly. The raffle raised a staggering £291 and, in total, the evening raised £603 for a very deserving cause.

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm in Simply Italian at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront; new members are always welcome.

For more information call Don Perman, on 01323-479713 or visit the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour website: www.sovharbour.rotaryweb.org

Another New Members' Discount

CURRY LEAF
Authentic Indian Cuisine

The award winning Indian restaurant, Curry Leaf, has joined the list of venues offering a discount to SHRA members.

Curry Leaf is at 8 Susan's Road, BN21 3HA, tel: 01323-727900 or 727890.

Curry Leaf will give a discount of 10% (on food only) to SHRA members eating in the restaurant. Free delivery to the harbour for orders over £15 is also available. For more information visit: www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-curryleaf-bn21



Lotus Centre Orphanage in Ulan Bator Mongolia. Club secretary Anne Hardy has been involved with the centre and will be returning for a month in April this year.

52 members of Eastbourne Rotary Clubs and their guests took over the restaurant for an evening of good food

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

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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 Singers

Sovereign Singers is an all female choir that performs in aid of the Eastbourne Blind Society. New members are welcome.

For more information, call 01323 470445 or email: musictime@uwclub.net

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.

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Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Membership Application/Renewal

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It's That Time of the Year Again!

As we approach the end of another membership year, it's time once again to ask you to dig into your pockets.

Apart from helping to fund SHRA activities, and produce Waterlines and the website, your membership card can be used to get worthwhile discounts from a number of local businesses, including several of the Waterfront restaurants. See the SHRA website www.shra.co.uk for further details.

As with last year, you now have the opportunity to take out or renew your membership online. By taking advantage of this option, you not only make life easier for our Treasurer, but also for yourself.

Online renewal sets an automatic renewal process in place so, **if you have already either joined SHRA or renewed via this PayPal system, and not cancelled automatic rebilling, you do NOT need to renew online again as the system will automatically re-bill you annually.**

Don't worry, you can easily cancel this if you leave the harbour or change your mind in the future."

One of the major advantages of the online system is that, as you might have seen, we have introduced new membership cards that can be printed with your name and the date on which your membership expires. This means that we are no longer tied to a fixed renewal date at the end of March and, in time, the renewal process will be spread over a much wider period.

It would, as always, be very helpful if current members could renew their membership early, which greatly staggers the workload of our Membership Secretary. Memberships renewed before their expiry date will be extended for twelve months from that date.

Our strength is our collective voice. Your continued support is vital, please take the time to (re)join the SHRA.