

Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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30th March 2012

The organisers of the "Night to Remember" midnight walk, in aid of St. Barnabas and Chestnut Tree House Hospices, are looking for volunteers to act as marshals on the night of 19th May.



If you can spare a few hours to help, Fundraising Volunteer Officer, Angie Bacon, would love to hear from you.

Call Angie on: 01903-706326, or, [e-mail Angie](#).

[Click here](#) to visit the Chestnut Tree House website.

[Click here](#) to visit the St. Barnabas Hospice website.

[Click here](#) to visit the Night to Remember website.

30th March 2012

Trading Standards have received notification of a potential school book scam targeting businesses in East Sussex.



The scam starts when you receive a phone call from someone "thanking you" for supporting their cause and "agreeing" to advertise in a school booklet that will be distributed through local schools "of your choice".

They claim you agreed to advertise and support them some months ago and the booklets "are now ready".

This is a scam, simply tell them you don't recall agreeing to this and that you are not interested.

30th March 2012

An important milestone on the road to a sustainable harbour community was reached when the Harbour Community Association's (HCA) application for charitable status was accepted by the Charity Commission this month.



This has provided a structure that will now open up access to many more funding streams, from Government and other charitable organisations.

It will also enable the bringing together of groups of like-minded individuals, and the promotion of a much wider variety of activities, once the hoped for harbour community centre becomes a reality.

[Click here](#) for more information on the HCA

28th March 2012

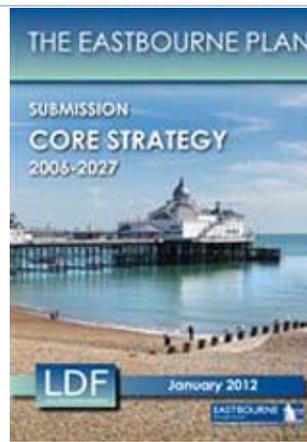
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In the Eastbourne Plan, the vision for the development of the town up to 2027, two neighbourhoods, the Town Centre and Sovereign Harbour, are designated as "Sustainable Centres". In line with this vision, and to reinforce the neighbourhood sustainability, the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park (SHRP) was designated as a "District Shopping Centre", and this was reflected in the plan submitted for inspection in January.



However, since the plan was submitted, and in response to concerted opposition by organisations with interests in the Town Centre regeneration, it would seem that this vision has been changed and, once again, Sovereign Harbour will be the loser. Eastbourne Borough Council now proposes to downgrade the SHRP to an "Out-of-Town Shopping Centre" but, as this is a major modification to the Core Strategy, the council has been obliged to put the changes out for further public consultation.

This reduction in status will place significant restrictions on the sort of retail outlets that will be permitted in the SHRP, and is already causing problems for the planned regeneration, that could possibly result in the abandonment of the project. Prudential has already been forced to modify the application, resulting in further delays. The application will not now be discussed at the March meeting of the Planning Committee as scheduled, and it would seem likely that we are to have yet another summer without the cross-harbour bus link.

The regeneration of the Town Centre is, of course, very important for Eastbourne, but the opposition to the SHRP regeneration would seem to be out of all proportion to the possible impact it could have, and is more concerned with "Neumann" between large financial organisations.

Last year, large numbers of you attended the SHRP consultation event held in the former Fitness First unit, and the LDF Core Strategy consultation events held in the Haven School and the Yacht Club. The overwhelming majority were in favour of the vision for the neighbourhood, and this was a major influence on the plans submitted for inspection. However, it now seems that, despite the very strong support of the residents, commercial interests are being given priority over their aspirations, and the sustainability of the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood, and the best interests of the town, will suffer as a consequence.

To express your views or concerns, [click here](#) to visit the EBC website and take part in the consultation. Closing date for responses is 20th April.

27th March 2012

East Sussex Library Service is reviewing libraries within a five mile radius of central Eastbourne; to make sure that it is providing the best service, in the right place for our residents.

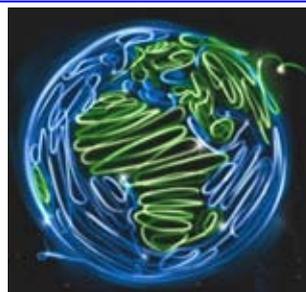


They need your views to continue to improve the service and help them build a library network for the years to come. This is an opportunity for the residents of Sovereign Harbour to make their views known.

[Click here](#) to take part in the survey.

27th March 2012

The World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour is a simple idea that's quickly turned into a global phenomenon. Hundreds of millions of people turning off their lights for one hour, on the same night, all across the planet.



It's about appreciating the brilliant world we all share – and how we need to protect it. Not just for an hour a year, but every day.

You can join in by switching off all your lights for one hour on **31st March from 8:30pm until 9:30pm**

[Click here](#) to visit the Earth Hour website.

25th March 2012

British Summer Time started today.

If you haven't put your clocks forward one hour, you're going to miss out on an extra hour's sunshine in the evenings.

Happy birthday to SHRA Deputy Chairman, Jan Weeks



22nd March 2012

Following detailed discussions with Officers at Eastbourne Borough Council, The Prudential agreed to modify its application by simplifying the proposals for Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.



The focus of the application remains on the provision of the new cinema and related commercial uses, the conversion of the existing cinema building into retail use, and the provision of enhanced connections (including the new bus link).

The application as originally submitted also included the sub-division of other existing retail units. The recently submitted changes retain the Brantano and Harveys units as existing, except for the enhancement of the frontages.

[Click here](#) to download the reports, plans and drawings submitted in support of the modified Planning Application.

Please note, documents are also available via [the Planning Portal](#) using reference number: EB/2011/0633. They are provided on the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park website as an additional source of information only and all comments on the application must be submitted direct to Eastbourne Borough Council.

18th March 2012

The brochure for the Eastbourne Festival 2012 has been published.



Festival 2012 has attracted a great mix of the traditional and contemporary, featuring popular and classical music, theatre, dance, comedy and the visual arts.

This year's Streets of Eastbourne opening event will host not one but two stages showcasing a variety of performances including music, dance, theatre, poetry and story telling ditties, plus street dance, hoopla & poi performances and workshops.

A street market will meander along the high street linking the two performance stages. There will also be an information stall where you can pick up your festival brochures or book tickets for some of the festival events. There's still time to perform at this event so comedy, dance, jugglers, stilt walkers etc do please contact the organisers if you would like to be involved.

[Click here](#) to visit the Eastbourne Festival website,

[Click here](#) to download the Festival Brochure.

15th March 2012

The Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action Team (SHECAT) took over the Happy Dragon restaurant at Pevensey Bay for the evening on March 14 for a fundraising Chinese supper. [Click here](#) for pictures.



About 45 supporters enjoyed a superb meal, had a lot of fun, and raised £384 towards the construction of the carnival float. If you have skills that could be useful, and would like to become involved, please contact Alison Attwood on 01323-479429 or e-mail alison.attwood@shecat.info.

For more information, visit www.shecat.info

If you would like a cut price copy of the SEGA "Football Manager 2012" PC game, and would like to boost the carnival team's funds, [Click Here](#)

14th March 2012

Your personal information is valuable, so, protect it, is the main theme of the campaign launched today by the National Fraud Authority, Telecommunications UK Fraud Forum (TUFF) and Financial Fraud Action UK - the name under which the financial services industry coordinates its fraud prevention activity [14 March 2012]



The Devil's in Your Details campaign aims raise awareness of the importance of protecting personal information and remind the public to check who they share their details with is genuine, whether this be on the phone, in person or online. The campaign encourages consumers to suspect anyone or anything they are uncertain about, to keep asking questions and to challenge or end an engagement if it feels uncomfortable.

[Click here](#) to visit the Devil's in Your Details website.

10th March 2012

It is reported in the Guardian that Persimmon Homes, the building company now responsible for the South Harbour water feature, has announced it is handing back £1.9bn of excess cash to it's shareholders after a jump in profits. [Click here](#) to read the article.



Property owners, who are being pressured to take over the management of the feature before all of the remedial work has been completed, might feel that some of this excess cash could have been used to bring this sorry saga to a just conclusion.

[Click here](#) to visit the Water Feature Action Group web page

9th March 2012

The forecast remains favourable for the spring tides over the weekend, so machines currently working will finish tonight.



The bulldozer will continue on for the remainder of the month and it is hoped that a further five days of recycling will be all that is required before we can consider that summer is on the way. When those five days will be remains to be seen.

The highest April spring tides is still a significant 7.9mCD but as that falls on Easter weekend it is a period PDCL will try to avoid. It is therefore likely that they will wait until after school Easter holidays – unless of course the weather intervenes before then.

7th March 2012

Members of staff from the Eastbourne Gazette will be outside of the Asda store in the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park on Thursday 8th March from 10am to 2pm distributing "goody bags" to purchasers of the newspaper.



Members of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour will also be on hand to enable participants in the annual Harbour Walk to register in person.



[Click here](#) to visit the Harbour Walk website.

7th March 2012

Members of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour will be joining Rotarians across the country in the "Rotary Spring Clean". This initiative is designed to help local people improve the area in which they live by getting together to pick up the litter and other



rubbish that blights the environment.

If you would like to join in, you will be made very welcome. Just come along to the former car park next to the Harbour Medical Centre on **Monday 12th March at 10:30am**.

If you can spare some time to help, this is a great opportunity to make the harbour an even better place to live.

[Click here](#) for more information.

7th March 2012

The next meeting of the Sovereign Harbour Carnival Action Team (SHECAT) will be held in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on Wednesday March 7 starting at 7.30. There is still time for anybody who is interested to join the team and contribute to the harbour community's Carnival entry.

The team will be holding a fundraising supper at the Happy Dragon in Pevensey Bay on March 14 at 7pm. Places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

For more information, visit www.shecat.info, contact Alison Attwood on 01323-479429 or e-mail alison.attwood@shecat.info.

5th March 2012

Work at Beachlands and Normans Bay East has finished for now, with machines moving east to Cooden and Herbrand Walk. Depending on progress this week they may finish off at Beachlands again on Friday as we lead into the highest March tides on Saturday/Sunday 10/11th. Currently the forecast for next weekend is favourable, with only light winds from Wednesday onwards. If this remains the case then trucks will stop on Friday.



There is a small amount of work to be done at Sovereign Harbour and I expect there will be a bit more to do at Beachlands and Normans Bay before we can decamp for the summer. Hopefully a final week's work towards the end of the month will be all that is needed.

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3rd March 2012

Don't forget to get out on the Waterfront and harbour promenades to give the runners on the Eastbourne Half-Marathon our usual warm harbour welcome.



The race starts at 10:00am and the leading runners usually get to the harbour at about 10:45, with the rest coming through up to about 12:30. If you see some of the slower runners having a difficult time, be sure to give them lots of encouragement.

23rd February 2012

This morning at around 9am there was a particularly vicious and nasty attack by a dog on a 21year old cat in Madeira Way, South Harbour. Police and the Dog



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Warden are currently investigating what happened, and trying to identify the owner of the dog, who did not provide his details to anyone at the scene and was particularly abusive when challenged. There are a number of witnesses that have been helpful; however the identity of the dog owner is being sought.

The dogs are believed to be a Bull Mastiff or Rottweiler type dog, and an Alsatian. Both were off the lead and the owner is described as a white male, aged between 35-40yrs old, stocky, wearing a fawn coloured long coat.

PC Ed Faulkner, Neighbourhood Officer for the Harbour, said: "I, like many people, am horrified at this incident, in which a family has lost its much loved pet. I believe that someone will know the owner of these dogs, and I very much hope they will identify him to me. I am happy to receive information in confidence from people who are worried about coming forward. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you can leave a message on the SHRA helpline - 07770-621368, [e-mail the SHRA](#).

It is vital that people come forward with information so that this issue can be resolved. I appeal directly to the owner of these dogs - Come forward, and own up to what has happened. Everyone, including yourself, needs to be sure that your dogs are safe to be around others."

PC Faulkner can be contacted by phone or text on 07787 685813, or [e-mail Ed](#).

20th February 2012

Important changes to SHRA membership were announced today. Instead of a subscription of £10 per year, new members will be given "Life Membership" for a one-off subscription of £10.



[Click here](#) to join the SHRA and for more information

Further, all memberships current at 18th February were automatically upgraded to Life membership and new membership cards will be issued in due course. Also, although the membership subscription is still "per household" membership will be on an individual basis so, if you are a current member, and would like additional cards for your spouse, partner, or children over 18, you can [apply online](#).

Look out for a special issue of Waterlines, which will explain the new arrangements. If you have subscribed to the association's e-bulletins, you will have already received notification of the changes by e-mail.

[Click here](#) to subscribe to future e-bulletins.

19th February 2012

Waterlines sponsor, Harbour Handyman, Rob, is offering SHRA members a very worthwhile 20% discount on all home maintenance and repair work.



You can contact Rob, who has over 30 years experience in the building trade, on 01323-478237 or 07957-611040.

[Click here](#) to visit Rob's website.

N.B. The SHRA never gives recommendations, you should always make your own checks.

18th February 2012

There are still places available for the Carnival Supper at the Happy Dragon, Pevensy Bay on Wednesday 14th March. If you haven't reserved your place yet, and want to come, please [click here](#) to

download a booking form.



Tickets are £20 which is a fair price for a really fabulous Chinese meal. And you don't need to be actively involved with the carnival to join in so, if you have a friend or two who may be keen to come, please invite them along. It's going to be a really good fun night, you will be in very good company and you will be doing your bit to help raise funds for the harbour's float.

[Click here](#) to visit the SHECAT website.

17th February 2012

In May the **Digital Switchover** starts in the East Sussex area. With that, there will be an increasing number of tradesmen and technicians working in the area.



There have been reports elsewhere that opportunists have used the switchover as an excuse to commit distraction burglaries, by claiming to be working on the switchover so that they gain access to homes. Given that many households have televisions in various rooms of the home it is important to check that the person on your doorstep is legitimate.

Given that there have been a number of distraction burglary offences in the last couple of days in Brighton and Crawley and that it is predominantly the elderly and the vulnerable who may find the switchover difficult there a number of key messages you may find useful, for example:

- The Switchover Team will NEVER cold call. An appointment would have been made weeks in advance to attend and do any work.
- He/she will wear a reflective yellow tabard and have an ID card with a photograph.
- The Switchover Help Scheme can arrange for a password in advance.
- If you are unsure, call the Switchover help team on 0800 40 85 900 to verify the person at the door.
- Genuine callers will never mind waiting until you verify their identity
- If you suspect the person on your doorstep is not legitimate then please call 101 or 999.

[Click here](#) to visit the Digital UK website.

13th February 2012

The mayor of Eastbourne, Councillor Carolyn Heaps, has cut the tape and officially reopened the recently refurbished historic RNLI lifeboat Museum on the seafront near the Western Lawns.



The William Terriss Memorial Boathouse was first opened in 1898 as a tribute to the famous actor who was murdered outside the Adelphi Theatre in London two years earlier. The building housed operational lifeboats until 1924 and then housed a display lifeboat, the James Stevens No 6, until 1936 when the boat was sold. The building then became the first ever RNLI Museum and will soon celebrate its 75th anniversary. Having undergone many facelifts and refurbishments over its long history, including the addition of a shop selling a wide variety of RNLI souvenirs and clothing, the latest has sought to preserve the original character of the building.

RNLI Chief Executive Paul Boissier praised the dedication and commitment of the volunteers who have worked hard to ensure the building has become one of the most successful in the country. He also took the opportunity of presenting a special certificate of thanks to volunteer Hettie Pittendriech who has been a shop helper for many decades.

Eastbourne's Mayor, Councillor Carolyn Heaps, expressed her delight at being able to support the town's RNLI lifeboat service and also praised the dedication

commitment and bravery of the volunteer crew.

An SOS fish and chip supper was held recently at the Inn on the Park at Deanland Wood Park to help raise funds for Eastbourne RNLI's new lifeboat appeal.



Organised by Frank Wellbelove and fellow supporters of Eastbourne lifeboats the event raised £1,000 towards the appeal. This latest contribution brings the total that Frank and his friends have collected to £5,000. Mr Wellbelove along with his wife has supported the RNLI as a governor for 30 years and has been regularly raising around £250 per month with their weekly raffles.

The latest cheque was presented to Operations Manager Paul Metcalfe along with Coxswain Mark Sawyer and other members of the crew at the all weather lifeboat station. Frank was thanked for his continued support in what was a significant week for Eastbourne lifeboats in which their new lifeboat was placed in the water for the very first time at the Babcock shipyard in Plymouth.

12th February 2012



The Trading Standards February newsletter, TSConnect is now available online.

In this issue:

- Telephone scammers claiming to represent the OFT
- Help Trading Standards track down the scammers
- New way to stop unwanted mail
- The end of tobacco displays
- Focus on...CDS Energy
- Focus on...Coast Care Homes

[Click here](#) to download TSConnect.

11th February 2012

David Love is a Police Officer with the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit based at Newhaven Port. The unit has responsibility for Maritime and Aviation issues in Sussex. It works closely with other agencies including UK Border Agency and the Security Services.



The unit deals with gathering intelligence concerning Terrorism matters, Smuggling (drugs and people) as well as Counter Espionage and Counter Proliferation. It is currently running project Kraken which is a National Operation to gather information about coastal crime, by engaging with the local communities.

If you see or hear anything suspicious or out of the ordinary for your area please call 101 (New Sussex Police Number) and quote Project Kraken.

In emergencies always dial 999. If you want to speak to PC Love in confidence please call 01273 515208 which is the office direct line.

David has responsibility for Sovereign Harbour, Birling Gap and Pevensey Bay areas.

[Click here](#) for more information on Operation on Project Kraken

11th February 2012

Rampion is holding a community consultation on draft proposals for its Offshore Wind Farm. The consultation starts this Monday 13th February and continues until Sunday 6th May, which means that the local community have a full 12 weeks to respond.



From 13th February, further details will be available on the [Rampion website](#), on which you will be able to find the Community Consultation Document which provides all the details about the proposals, including photomontages, maps and plans,

the potential impacts and benefits of the project. There is also a consultation questionnaire for providing feedback to the consultation, or of course you can write to us or email Rampion with your comments. The Statement of Community Consultation has been published this week in four local newspapers and is also on the website, providing details of 37 public venues across Sussex where hard copies of the consultation documents can be found.

[Click here](#) for Rampion's latest Newsletter, which provides an overview of the consultation and includes an events listing of the public exhibitions which are being held in 12 locations across Sussex. Some are being held in coastal towns and others in the vicinity of the proposed underground onshore cable route.

10th February 2012

Eastbourne RNLI Lifeboat Station's new £2.7 million Tamar lifeboat – which will be named *Diamond Jubilee* in honour of RNLI Patron, Her Majesty The Queen – took to the water for the very first time yesterday (Monday 6 February); 60 years to the day that The Queen ascended to throne. The new lifeboat will also be among the highlights of the Diamond Jubilee River Thames Pageant this summer.



The charity's new lifeboat, *Diamond Jubilee*, will be one of 1,000 vessels making their way along the River Thames on Sunday 3 June to celebrate The Queen's 60-year reign. The Pageant is set to be the largest flotilla in modern times on the River, with boats of all shapes and sizes stretching for an estimated 12.5 miles.

Among the select few onboard the *Diamond Jubilee* on 3 June will be Eastbourne crew members Coxswain Mark Sawyer and Mechanic Dan Guy. Other crew will represent the different countries and islands of the British Isles where the RNLI saves lives at sea.

8th February 2012

The article, "CIC is it Fit for Purpose", on page 14 of the February issue of Waterlines unfortunately has an incorrect e-mail address for Cllr. Patrick Warner.

The correct address is councillor.warner@eastbourne.gov.uk



8th February 2012

Waterfront restaurants and retail outlets are offering special deals to help you celebrate Valentines Day.



[Click here](#) for more information.

8th February 2012

TONIGHT!!

SHECAT

Eastbourne Carnival is only 16 weeks away so it's time to get focused and busy if our Sovereign Harbour community float is going to make a big splash in the parade.

The harbour carnival team has a design, and has raised enough funds to get started, and there is also a small band of willing and enthusiastic volunteers. It's a great first step but a lot more are need to help build and paint the float and get everyone dressed to take part.

It's fantastic to see the various harbour organisations and individual residents coming together in what promises to be an exciting project so, if you want to be part of the action, SHECAT wants to hear from you. It's going to be a lot of fun and a great way to make new friends.

Please come along to the next carnival meeting on Wednesday 8th February starting at 7.30pm upstairs in the yacht club. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, visit www.shecat.info.

If you would like to make contact before then, please do. Phone Alison on 479429 or [e-mail Alison](#). She will be delighted to hear from you.

7th February 2012

Crew members at Eastbourne RNLI lifeboat station launched their lifeboats a total of 128 times in 2011, making them one of the busiest in the whole of the UK and Republic of Ireland.



Of the 235 Royal National Lifeboat Institution stations across the charity, Eastbourne, in East Sussex, was the fourth busiest lifeboat station, according to statistics released today (Tuesday).

And within the RNLI's East division, which incorporates a total of 41 stations, Eastbourne was the busiest coastal lifeboat station – only two lifeboat stations, on the River Thames in London, launched their lifeboats more times.

7th February 2012

In his latest online newsletter, Stephen Lloyd MP has again reinforced his support for harbour residents.



For those who don't receive it he says, "Finally, I had a very helpful meeting with representatives from the SHRA (**Sovereign Harbour Residents Association**) the other day to discuss the fees paid to the Sovereign Harbour Trust. I do think their concerns that the costs, how can I put this, are rather opaque so have agreed to take up the cudgels on their behalf. Watch this space!"

7th February 2012

(Reproduced from [Eastbourne Herald website](#))

A RETIRED firefighter who risked his life to break in to a house with flames and smoke billowing from a nearby garden shed, has been named Resident of the Month.



Harbour resident, Angelo Errigo, hasn't been fighting fires for many years but when he was driving along Gardener Close, Langney Point, and saw smoke pouring from the shed, his instinct kicked in and he raced to the scene. He was worried the fire would spread to the house so broke down the front door to check there was no-one asleep inside. Fortunately, the house was empty so Angelo dialled 999 and it wasn't long before two fire crews arrived at the scene to quell the flames.

The Resident of the Month Award was introduced to recognise unsung heroes in the local community. It is jointly sponsored by Advanta Chartered Accountants and the Eastbourne Herald.

Richard King, director at Advanta, said, "Angelo didn't think twice when he saw the fire and would almost certainly have saved lives had anyone been inside the building. We're pleased to recognise Angelo's bravery and he's a very deserving winner of December's Resident of the Month Award."

As part of his award, Angelo is now looking forward to a complimentary meal for two at Ridgways restaurant in Meads.

6th February 2012

Yoga at Yacht club today cancelled.

Due to a family emergency, Sandy Armstrong will be unable to teach her Yoga classes at the Yacht Club today. She sends her apologies.



6th February 2012

Following their very successful running of the 2011 Festival of Transport at Hellingly over the last August Bank Holiday weekend, Eastbourne Historic Vehicle Club have donated £750 towards Eastbourne RNLI's new lifeboat appeal



The annual rally is used as a platform to help raise funds for many local charities

and this year Eastbourne RNLI was delighted to once again be one of the beneficiaries.

At a recent club meeting held at the Red Lion in Stone Cross, Lifeboat Coxswain Mark Sawyer received a cheque from club Director David Bone. In accepting the cheque Mark thanked the club for their continued support which, he said, will help continue the life saving work of Eastbourne RNLI in the seas around Eastbourne.

5th February 2012

There was some speculation this morning that the new Tamar class lifeboat had arrived at the harbour earlier than expected.



However, the lifeboat seen going in through the locks was Newhaven's Severn Class boat, which had come to Eastbourne on a navigational training exercise.

Having completed the task in hand, it returned to base.

5th February 2012

Councillor Mrs Carolyn Heaps, Mayor of Eastbourne and long term supporter of Eastbourne RNLI lifeboats, joined forces with some of the crew at the Arndale Centre this week to help collect funds for the town's new lifeboat.



Councillor Heaps launched herself upon the public armed with a collection bucket in support of Eastbourne's new lifeboat appeal. Management of the Arndale shopping centre in the heart of town, in addition to offering one of their empty units for a display of lifeboat material, generously donated space in the central atrium for an exhibit of a D-Class inshore lifeboat accompanied by some of Eastbourne RNLI's volunteer crew. The week-long event has proved to be a great success for the appeal with over £2100 being donated toward the cost of the town's new Tamar class lifeboat currently under construction in Plymouth.

The volunteer crew have been overwhelmed with the support they have received from the local community. As one crew member remarked, 'without being coerced people have gone out of their way to place money in our collection buckets and when you meet folk who come up and shake your hand, as one chap did, and say the RNLI saved their life 30 years ago it makes you feel both proud and very humble to be a small part of such a unique organisation.

4th February 2012

For the past year a group of South Harbour residents have been engaging with developers Persimmon Homes and EBC about the condition of the water feature and its proposed hand-over to residents.



They now understand that Persimmon are ignoring the concerns of residents and are steam-rolling a hand-over to the residents' management company (which around 370 South Harbour property owners belong to by virtue of their property deeds), via Fell Reynolds, the Folkestone-based property management company.

Fell Reynolds would manage the water feature and charge the residents' management company accordingly.

[Click here](#) for more details.

4th February 2012

Late change to coffee morning at the Under Ground Theatre (below the library in Grove Road).



Background guitar music in the coffee-bar will now be from **JOHN BALL** (NB: *this is a change from previously advertised programme*).

Entry free. Coffee, tea and home-made cakes for sale.

1st February 2012

Your Personal Best is a national awareness campaign developed and funded by GSK, official laboratory services provider for London 2012, in association with NHS London. It aims to inspire the 7.78 million people over 55 with long term health conditions in the UK to lead a more active lifestyle.



Keeping active can be a challenge if you have a long term health condition, but it can make a significant difference to your health and well-being and may also ease your symptoms.

INSPIRING ACTIVITY IN PEOPLE
WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS

If you feel like your condition is holding you back from leading a more active lifestyle and you are over 55 years old, then the Your Personal Best campaign, inspired by the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games, is here to help you with simple advice on how to become more active.

TV personality and dance coach Len Goodman and TV presenter Arlene Phillips are the celebrity faces of Your Personal Best.

[Click here for more information](#)

31st January 2012

Discounts for residents are being offered by local companies.



- **Listening to You** - Half price counselling during February
- **Cooks** - 15% off frozen meals delivered to your home
- **Richard Allen, Golf Professional** - Two, one hour golf lessons for £29
- **Great Hairdressing** - Free VIP card giving 10% off hairdressing and associated treatments

[Click here](#) for more information.

27th January 2012

Police are warning residents in Sussex to be aware of bogus bank callers after three elderly residents in Crawley received phone calls from people claiming to be from the victim's bank.



The callers convinced the victims that their bank cards had been compromised and said they would send a courier to collect them. A short time later a man arrived and collected the cards. Money was then taken from the accounts at local ATMs.

Detective Constable Matt Wilson of West Sussex CID said: "The caller knew personal information about each victim and they were able to obtain further information during the phone call. If your bank cards are ever compromised your bank does not need them back. They will never collect them but will cancel them and arrange for replacements to be sent. If you receive a call from anyone claiming to be from your bank then you should never give any personal information or your PIN. If you are in any doubt about who the caller is then hang up and call your bank, or if someone arranges to collect your cards call police immediately on 999."

If you would like further advice, you can call Sussex Police on 101 quoting serial 0637 of 21/01, or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800-555111.

24th January 2012

Over the past week the Harbour has seen an increase in bicycle thefts from car ports and undercroft parking areas. Bicycles that have been stolen are generally above £500 each in value. Many of the bicycles had been well secured with heavy duty bicycle locks. Unfortunately, this was not enough to deter those people who were intent on taking the



bicycles.

Officers who were out on patrol at 4am one morning last week spotted three people acting suspiciously in an undercroft to a block of flats in the North Harbour. They were arrested and have been bailed pending further enquiries.

If you have any information regarding these recent thefts or if you would like to receive crime prevention advice then please contact your local officers. Alternatively, please report suspicious activity by dialling 101 (Sussex Police contact number), or contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

24th January 2012

Sovereign Harbour is awarded Five Gold Anchors in The Yacht Harbour Association's prestigious Gold Anchor Award Scheme



This is an outstanding achievement for Premier Marinas with Sovereign Harbour's score ranking amongst the highest in the Scheme. THYA's Gold Anchor Award Scheme offers a trustworthy measure of excellence for boat owners looking to berth a boat on a permanent basis or to visit a marina with the Scheme scoring 1 to 5 Gold Anchors.

Sovereign Harbour's Marina Manager Janet Taylor commented, "We are delighted and honoured to have been awarded the highest accreditation achievable in the Gold Anchor Scheme. We are very proud of the marina's services and facilities. The marina team work extremely hard and it's pleasing to see that this has been recognised by a leading industry award scheme."

Gareth Turnbull, THYA General Manager said, "Our detailed assessment and review of the berth holders' satisfaction at Sovereign Harbour proves that Premier Marinas is helping to set the standard for UK marinas."

The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) provides support for marinas and related businesses throughout the UK and internationally. The Gold Anchor Award Scheme is a voluntary assessment programme which is focused on customer service and providing quality moorings for the boat owner. The ratings range from 1 to 5 Gold Anchors and provide assurance of the credibility and quality of the marina when assessed against the technical criteria based on the Code of Practice for the Construction and Operation of Marinas and Yacht Harbours.

23rd January 2012

Eastbourne RNLI's new Tamar class lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee* is on schedule to be launched as planned on 6th February to commemorate the date on which Queen Elizabeth 11 ascended to the throne in 1952.



Coxswain Mark Sawyer, Mechanic Dan Guy, and Operations Manager Paul Metcalfe have recently visited the Babcock boatyard at Plymouth where the new boat is being built and were delighted to see how quickly the work has progressed. There is still a lot to do but the builders are confident that all targets will be met.

Crew training to operate this state of the art vessel will commence in earnest in May. Five station mechanics will attend a weeks' intensive training at the RNLI lifeboat college at Poole followed by another group of core crew who will also undergo a weeks' full time training. At the end of May *Diamond Jubilee* will arrive in Eastbourne and the remaining crew will undergo up to a month of further training before being passed out by an RNLI inspector. It is hoped the new boat and her crew will be ready for active service by the end of June.

16th January 2012

Consumers are being misled into paying for iPads online that arrive either broken, un-usable or in some cases don't arrive at all.

Consumers who have expressed an interest in the dirt-cheap ipads have been asked to meet in the street or in a pub to buy them for as little as £300. They subsequently discover they have been given boxes



containing broken equipment or nothing at all.

The iPad is completely wrapped up, and is either a second hand one that doesn't work, or some of them have got water gel inside the packet so they feel heavy. If you have bought something brand new off somebody in the street, the chances are something is not right."

Police are warning consumers to buy items like these from a reputable dealer whilst the Trading Standards Message remains; "If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is".

16th January 2012

Volunteers wanted for under-age sales campaigns.

Lee Ede, Lead Officer for Under Age Sales at Trading Standards, would like to offer young people the unpaid opportunity to assist officers with its Under Age Test Purchasing Operations across the County.



Volunteers, who need to be between 14 and 16½ and will need the permission of their parent or guardian, will make test purchases of age-restricted goods (such as cigarettes, knives and alcohol) from shops. Some of the exercises take place during the evenings, but at all times you will be accompanied by Trading Standards Officers.

[Click here](#) for more details.

Or contact Lee Ede, Fair Trading Officer, East Sussex County Council Trading Standards. 01323 463447 or [e-mail Lee](#)

15th January 2012

Dick Guy, senior member of Eastbourne lifeboat's shore based team, has been presented with a bar to add to his existing long service badge to commemorate nearly 40 years continuous voluntary service which spans three generations of lifeboats in the town.



Dick, who works for local firm Alfa Laval, volunteered to join Eastbourne RNLI's lifeboat crew in 1974 and followed in the footsteps of his father who served in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

When Dick first joined, both boats were based at Fisherman's Green and the then all weather lifeboat was the Watson class 'Beryl Tollemache'. In those days launching an all weather lifeboat (ALB) was a much more complicated and labour intensive operation than it is today involving up to 15 volunteers.

Over the years Dick progressed to senior launcher until operations were transferred to Sovereign Harbour in 2003. With Dick's encouragement both his sons (pictured with Operations Manager Paul Metcalfe) also joined the service; Dan is now full time mechanic and a deputy coxswain and Tim a volunteer crewman aboard the ALB

9th January 2012

We have been advised by Police that there have been thefts, and attempted thefts, from undercroft parking areas in apartment blocks. Police have also recovered some tools and would like to hear from anybody who might be the lawful owner.



Residents are asked to keep careful watch when entering and leaving these areas, and advised to ensure that vehicles and cycles are securely locked, and no items of value are left in open view.

If you have any information, please contact PC Ed Faulkner on 07787 685813 ([e-mail Ed](mailto:Ed@shra.co.uk)) or PCSO Martin Hylands on 07909 873787 ([e-mail Martin](mailto:Martin@shra.co.uk))

9th January 2012

Yoga for beginners classes will be held on the 2nd floor of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on Monday 9th January at 11am, and on Monday 16th January at 11am and 6pm. Thereafter, classes will be held every Monday at 11am and 6pm.

Classes cost £5 per session, and participants must bring their own mat. **Advanced booking is essential.**

For more information, or to book your place, call Sandy on 07984-915916, or [e-mail sandy.searches@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.searches@gmail.com)



5th January 2012

If you haven't already disposed of your old Christmas tree, help the environment and support Eastbourne new lifeboat appeal all in one move.

Local tree surgeons PJ Chaffin have donated their tree shredding equipment and trained staff to dispose of all old Christmas trees brought along to the inshore lifeboat station at Fisherman's Green, **on Saturday 7th January between 9am and 4pm.**

No charge will be made, but you can make a contribution to the new lifeboat appeal.



4th January 2012

Sovereign Harbour Debating Society (SHDS) meetings will resume after the holiday break on Wednesday January 11.

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday in the annexe of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront at 3pm.

Membership is free and new members are always welcome; just turn up on the day, or [e-mail for more information](mailto:shra@shra.co.uk).

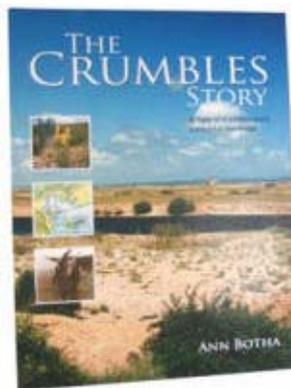


The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA -

Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?

We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

If you are interested in the history of the land on which Sovereign Harbour is built, the industry and events that took place on it, and its unique flora and fauna, this little book is for you, and at just £7.99, it won't break the bank. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.



To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to crumbles@shra.co.uk simply saying you would like a copy of the book and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link which will take you through the online paying process (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

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