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28th March 2013

In the December issue of *Waterlines*, harbour resident, Michael Moreland, proposed setting up a discussion group to meet on an ad hoc basis. Mike said: "My vision is to discuss subjects on which constructive contribution is possible, with the emphasis on 'giving', not on 'what I want'. That might sound a bit idealistic, but it really depends on those present.



Mike has since been in touch to say: "Thank you *Waterlines* for the promotion and helping set 'Opinions' on its way. We feared Gringo's may not have enough space to accommodate us but as it turned out the three of us had ample space! Proud of my book writing I was immediately dwarfed by Keith who has compiled some thirteen, so we had plenty to exchange views on.

John, a good mate, detoured on a visit to Asda and contributed positively as he always does. But the rest of you were obviously shy ... or 'opinion-less'!! Now that I'm back in the UK we will continue our meetings and welcome those who have something positive to say ... come on have a go ... anyway it's your turn to buy the coffee ... whoops that comment may not help, Michael."

The next meeting of "Opinions" will be at **11:15 on Monday at Gringos**. All are welcome.

27th March 2013

There's lots do do over the Easter period in and around Eastbourne.

The Redoubt fortress will be reopened following its extensive refurbishment, and the bandstand starts its season with a free concert by the Eastbourne Silver band.



Film fans can view screenings of the classic films, "Sunset Boulevard" and "Singin' in the Rain" at the International Lawn Tennis Centre.

For more information, [visit the events page](#).



25th March 2013

Chestnut Tree House needs more than 100 volunteers, male and female, to help at its Night to Remember Midnight Walk in Eastbourne on Saturday 18 May 2013.



Volunteer roles include marshalling the route to keep the ladies safe, and serving them breakfast on their return. Various roles are available at various times throughout the night between 8pm and 5am.

If you can help, please call Angie Bacon on [01903 706326](tel:01903706326) , or [e-mail Angie](mailto:angie@chestnuttreehouse.co.uk).

For more information, [visit the Night to Remember website](#), or [download the Volunteer Recruitment form](#).

Registered Charity Number 256789



21st March 2013

In 2012, over 100 walkers and over 40 dogs took part in the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour's second annual charity harbour walk. It was not a competition; there were no prizes for winning, it was a gentle stroll around the marina, which started at midday, and finished at about 1-1.30pm, just in time for lunch at the beautiful Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.



The 2013 walk, which will be held on 12th May, will be just the same; **registration is now open** [click here for more information](#).

20th March 2013

Cllrs David Elkin and Gordon Jenkins were on hand to see repairs started on the subsiding section of block paving on Pacific Drive between Tasmania Way and Barrier Reef Way.



SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks thanked Cllr Elkin for his help in getting the repairs prioritised, and for ensuring that they would be completed to the original standard.

It is anticipated the the work will be completed within a few days. Temporary traffic lights are in operation; short delays are expected, and residents are asked to be patient.

20th March 2013

Pistachios cafe in Princes Park has had major improvements recently and is already becoming popular with residents and visitors. **The café has now announced the new Farmers market** coming this year!



The café offers a selection of coffees, teas, cakes and more, Children's toys, great views of the lake and excellent friendly service. In addition to cakes, the café also offers a variety of healthy food favourites. The wooden toys on sale combined with the open plan area gives the atmosphere of yesteryear and make a relaxing environment.

The café is unique in Eastbourne and is in a perfect location in reach of the park and the beach. Senior Citizens, Students, teachers and civil servants will receive a 30% discount on Fridays on anything in the café and 10% the rest of the

week! The café is also dog friendly (on lead) so has proved a great success with dog walkers.

The farmers market gives the chance for local people to sell their local produce-anything from food to crafts. There are many talented people in Eastbourne so this is the perfect opportunity to exploit their goods. The market is planned to happen on a weekly basis, in and outside the café, giving market sellers a great opportunity to sell their fantastic produce and market goers a chance to grab something unique or tasty!

If you are interested in selling at the Farmers market please call [01323 417300](tel:01323417300) or if you would like further information, [visit the cafe website](#)

19th March 2013

The annual dredging of the channel at Sovereign Harbour will be undertaken from around 1st April 2013 for approximately 14 days.

The dredger will be working during every tide, day and night, subject to suitable weather conditions, so the residents close to the water frontage may experience some increased activity and noise during this period.



17th March 2013

The Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 23rd March, from 2pm to 5pm.

The event will promote a special, promotional, membership offer. Prospective members, including non-sailing social members, are invited to visit the club and meet the members.



[Click here for more information.](#)

17th March 2013

In April 2013 Eastbourne Borough Council is launching Customer First, a new process that will make contacting the council easier than ever before.

A new, user friendly website will allow residents to report issues online, and track progress, online. There will also be an app for use on smartphones.

The new system will provide a single point of contact from when the issue is reported through to its resolution.

[Click here for more information.](#)



14th March 2013

Stephen Lloyd MP has issued an update on the current situation concerning "single siting" of DGH core services. Stephen said:

"After the announcement by East Sussex Healthcare Trust that they intended to downgrade our maternity and paediatrics due to safety concerns, I rushed back from my father's funeral in Spain to ensure I was able to make the Emergency General Meeting in Bexhill.

I put a number of questions to the Trust's Board, but I have to say though, I thought the meeting was a complete sham! On Wednesday last week staff at the DGH were told the Special Care Baby Unit was closing and paediatrics was having its opening hours slashed. Yet at the meeting 2 days later they discussed a number of options, completely straight faced as if they were all still on the



table. It was surreal and even led to some laughter in disbelief at what we were hearing."

[Click here to download complete update.](#)

14th March 2013

The Redoubt Fortress and Military Museum is looking all set to open this Easter, thanks to the many volunteers who have helped in every way during the winter months to give the Redoubt a revamp!



The Napoleonic fortress has been under improvement to kick start a jam packed year of events and exhibitions. Featuring an interactive air raid shelter exhibit and a new children's resource area, there is plenty for all ages to see.

One of the main changes is the introduction of a brand new café: The Outpost. Visitors can expect to enjoy tea and cakes in the vintage themed café which is decorated with photographs from the Redoubt's collection. Regulars can enjoy great benefits too with a loyalty card giving a free cuppa after a number of visits.

The Redoubt shop has also had a revamp and there will be a new range of gifts and military books on sale.

Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet Member for Tourism and Leisure, Cllr Carolyn Heaps said "I am very excited for the opening of the Redoubt and to see all the changes that have been made. We are very lucky to have a fortress here in Eastbourne that holds such history and I encourage visitors and residents to go and discover the delights it has to offer."

The Redoubt's medal collection has always been something of fascination, but this year they will be displayed in chronological order along with some stories of the soldiers who'd earned them. To add to this, there are many more on display than in previous years!

Children can enjoy the brand new children's resource area which has been installed next to the Redoubt shop, giving kids the chance to get creative with themed activities. There are family trails available with reference books, images and art supplies.

Another new aspect is that, artist Fenya Sharkey has been the Redoubt's 'artist in residency' this year and has been working closely with the collection at the fortress to create a brand new exhibition.

Outside the fortress, shrubbery in the moat has been removed and traditional style gates and railings are currently being installed. In addition, there has been new signage put in place on the Redoubts gun platform and parade ground offering visitors much more information about the Redoubt and the history to go with it.

There has also been the introduction of the "Friends of the Redoubt" scheme which has been set up so members receive a separate entrance fee along with many offers and information.

The season opening is Friday 29 March and will be free all weekend! If you would like to find out more on the redoubt or would like to become a member please [visit the Redoubt website.](#)

13th March 2013

Police have warned members of the public of a scam at a cashpoint in Crowborough. The victim was distracted at the cashpoint and had his card stolen. The victim later realised that a large amount of money

had been taken from his account.

Thieves use a number of techniques to steal cards, including dropping cash on the floor whilst the victim is using the machine. They will then ask the victim if the cash is their while another thief removes the card from the machine.

If you see anything suspicious, please report it to us straight away by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency.

[Click here to read more.](#)



13th March 2013

A new radio station, "Smile Sussex" was recently launched on DAB across the South Coast of Sussex.



The station predominately plays a musical mixture of Classic old Standards; think Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Rat Pack and many more legendary artists from the 1930's until the present day. Naturally Smile Sussex is attracting an older audience of listener, and many of them in the Eastbourne area.



Listeners to the station are absolutely delighted that there is, at last, a commercial radio station dedicated to this style of music. A genre, that has been missing from the radio airwaves.

12th March 2013

Lifeboat charity RNLI needs fundraising volunteers in East Sussex. No stranger to responding to calls for help at sea, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is turning the tables and appealing to people in East Sussex to come to *their* rescue.



The charity that saves lives at sea has launched an appeal to people living in Uckfield, Forest Row, Crowborough, Edenbridge, over the border in East Grinstead and the surrounding areas in the hope of netting a whole new generation of fundraisers.

The recruitment drive is aimed at reminding people that going to sea on a lifeboat is only one small part of supporting the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the charity that was set up in 1824 to prevent the loss of life at sea.

Behind the volunteer boat crews and helpers at coastal lifeboat stations there is a whole band of people who contribute by helping with fundraising and being involved in other volunteering opportunities which contribute towards the RNLI's lifesaving aim.

The RNLI will be hosting a volunteer welcome event between 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday, March 20th at Uckfield Civic Centre, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1AE.

Serving the tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the afternoon will be a team of fundraising volunteers linked to Eastbourne lifeboat station. They will be on hand to explain what they get out of their connection to the charity and what opportunities are available.

Jo Godden, Community Fundraising Manager for the RNLI, said the charity is spreading the message across the area that we need some extra support:

"Everyone is welcome to pop in to Uckfield on the 20th. We will be pleased to see you. There are plenty of ways people can support the RNLI.

"We would always welcome a hand on flag collection days – if you think you can spare us an hour or two, please let us know. However, we're also hoping to dispel the myth that charity work equals endless committee meetings. Perhaps you have certain professional or life skills that we could harness and you can dip in and out as you are available?

"We need people to give talks and presentations to school children. People may be good with figures or accounts and might like to support us by using those skills or maybe you are good at organising events and co-ordinating logistics. Can you help with social media? Do you like baking? If there's a willingness to help, no matter what your talents, we would love to hear from you."

There is no age bracket in terms of supporting and the charity hopes the recruitment campaign will engage with people across the generations.

Jo said: "There are opportunities for everyone. Making new contacts and friends, enhancing your CV and giving something back are among the many benefits. 95 per cent of the people who keep the RNLI running are volunteers and we really want to hear from anyone who might like to be part of that team."

For more information, contact Jo on joanne_godden@rnli.org.uk or 01304 825036 or the RNLI support team on [0300 300 9903](tel:03003009903).

11th March 2013

Are you Bourne to Sing? Bourne Chorus, the Eastbourne based close vocal harmony group, are seeking an additional Bass singer to join their existing eight members.



The group is hired to sing at Weddings, Corporate Functions (most recently they sang at The Mayor's Speakeasy evening at The Winter Gardens) and various other private and public events. In addition they will be performing their own concerts – a Summer Concert at the Underground Theatre in July, and a Christmas Concert at All Saints Chapel, Darley Road in December.

Bourne Chorus are proud winners of the Singers Bowl at the Eastbourne Music Festival in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Applicants will need to be committed to weekly rehearsals and regular bookings – and also to having fun!

[See Bourne Chorus on YouTube](#)

For further information please contact Bourne Chorus on Tel: 07799-116653.

11th March 2013

The current cold snap has presented photographers with another opportunity to capture snow scenes.



The Bright Ideas Christmas cards, showing harbour snow scenes, were a great success in 2012, so Bright Ideas is planning its 2013 range. They are, therefore, looking for suitable images for the range, and are asking local photographers to submit their photographs for consideration.

The only conditions are that they must be taken at Sovereign Harbour, must reflect the Christmas season and must be of high enough resolution for printing. The names of the those who take the selected photographs will be printed on the back of the card, and the photographers will be given fifty of the cards for their own use.

If you have any that could be suitable, [e-mail them to Bright Ideas](#)

7th March 2013

Over 8,000 Sussex residents have signed up for the Go e-Sussex "Superfast Broadband" campaign.

The Go e-Sussex newsletter is now available [on the campaign website](#).

Even if you are one of the lucky ones who already have a fibre-optic connection, please [sign up to support the campaign](#) to help those who would like it.



2nd March 2013

About 250 residents attended Sovereign Harbour Ltd's Sovereign Harbour Master Plan Exhibition today, Saturday 2nd March.



If you were unable to get to the Yacht Club, you can view the plans, and post your comments, on [the Master Plan website](#).

2nd March 2013

Over 100 residents visited the Sovereign Harbour Ltd (SHL) Sovereign Harbour Master Plan exhibition at the Yacht club yesterday evening.



The exhibition is open today (Saturday) from 10am until 3pm. SHL consultants, Stephen Lloyd MP, County and Borough Councillors, Planning Officers and members of the SHRA committee will be available to answer questions.

If you are unable to pay a visit, you can view the plans, and post your comments, on [the Master Plan website](#).

1st March 2013

This Sunday (3rd March) marks the 10th anniversary of PCSOs in Sussex, and their role has gone from strength to strength; the Force now employs 362 officers across the whole of Sussex, many in specialist roles including wildlife officers and school liaison.



In 2003, 21 men and women became the first ever intake of PCSOs in Sussex Police. Ten years on, six are still employed by the Force, four of whom are still in their original roles!

Harbour residents will be very used to seeing **PCSO Martin Hylands**, who was one of the original intake, patrolling the harbour. Martin says the fact he's still in the role ten years later shows how much he enjoys it.



Martin said: "A good PCSO should be embedded in their community and with time you gain the trust and respect of all the community groups," he said. "Stability is vital in neighbourhood policing for the public to get to know their local PCSO, who is now the modern day beat bobby."

Helping people is the most rewarding part of the job, be it just giving directions whilst on foot patrol to saving a life. I'm lucky enough to have done both whilst on duty in the last 10 years. I've even flown in Princess Anne's helicopter whilst she was on a royal visit to Alfriston."

28th February 2013

The SHRA was today informed by ESCC Highways that repairs to Pacific Drive between Tasmania Way and Barrier Reef Way will be completed by the end of March.



Our thanks to Cllr David Elkin for his help in ensuring that the repairs will be completed to the original standard, and not patched with tarmac as had been proposed.

27th February 2013

The Eastbourne Lifeboats Events team needs a 22 inch, or similar, flat screen TV and DVD player.



If you can help, please contact David on 07968-489086.

27th February 2013

An opportunity for art loving individuals to volunteer at Towner. Eastbourne's award winning contemporary art museum has a great opportunity for enthusiastic individuals to participate in the Spring/Summer gallery placement programme.



Towner is the contemporary art museum for the South East and the placement is a great chance for someone to work along side gallery staff and gain valuable experience and a range of skills.

Training will cover all aspects of the front of house role, including customer services, health and safety, disability awareness, guiding tours, education workshops and conservation awareness (to name but a few areas!). This placement will allow the candidate to develop personalised skills and gain valuable experience in a leading contemporary art gallery.

Also, for the first time Towner is teaming up with De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill, meaning there will be the possibility of extending placements further. De La Warr Pavilion is a grade one listed building housing a contemporary art gallery and auditorium.

The role is for two days a week, including weekends, in the gallery and a training day takes place every other Monday. The programme will last for 12 weeks, starting from week commencing 1 April or 1 July 2013, and applicants must be aged 18 or over. The ideal applicants will be committed, enthusiastic; will have a great love for art, Towner and what they do.

[Download the application form.](#)

Send completed form to: volunteerattowner@eastbourne.gov.uk

Deadline for the spring intake is Wednesday 6th March and for the summer; 29th May.

23rd February 2013

At a fundraising dinner on 22nd February, 56 members and guests of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour took over the restaurant of the Smugglers at Pevensey for a fundraising dinner.



The event raised over £1,000 for the Children with Cancer Fund – Polegate. Football shirts signed by Fulham goalkeeper, Mark Schwarzer and Chelsea captain, John Terry, were auctioned, and raised £110 and £160 respectively.

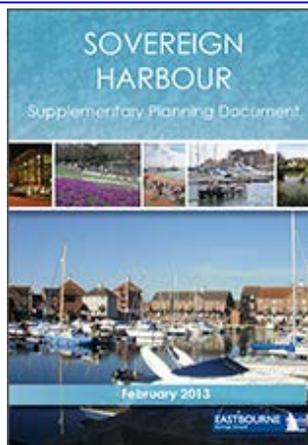
The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7pm in Simply Italian at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront; new members and visiting Rotarians are always welcome.

22nd February 2013

The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Sovereign Harbour, was adopted by Full Council on 20th February, 2013.

The SPD provides detailed guidance on the implementation of Policy C14 of the Eastbourne Plan: Core Strategy. It provides guidance on the uses considered to be appropriate for each of the remaining development sites, including details of the size, scale and form of development and the specific community benefits to be delivered.

[Download the SPD, the Adoption Statement and Statement of Consultation.](#)

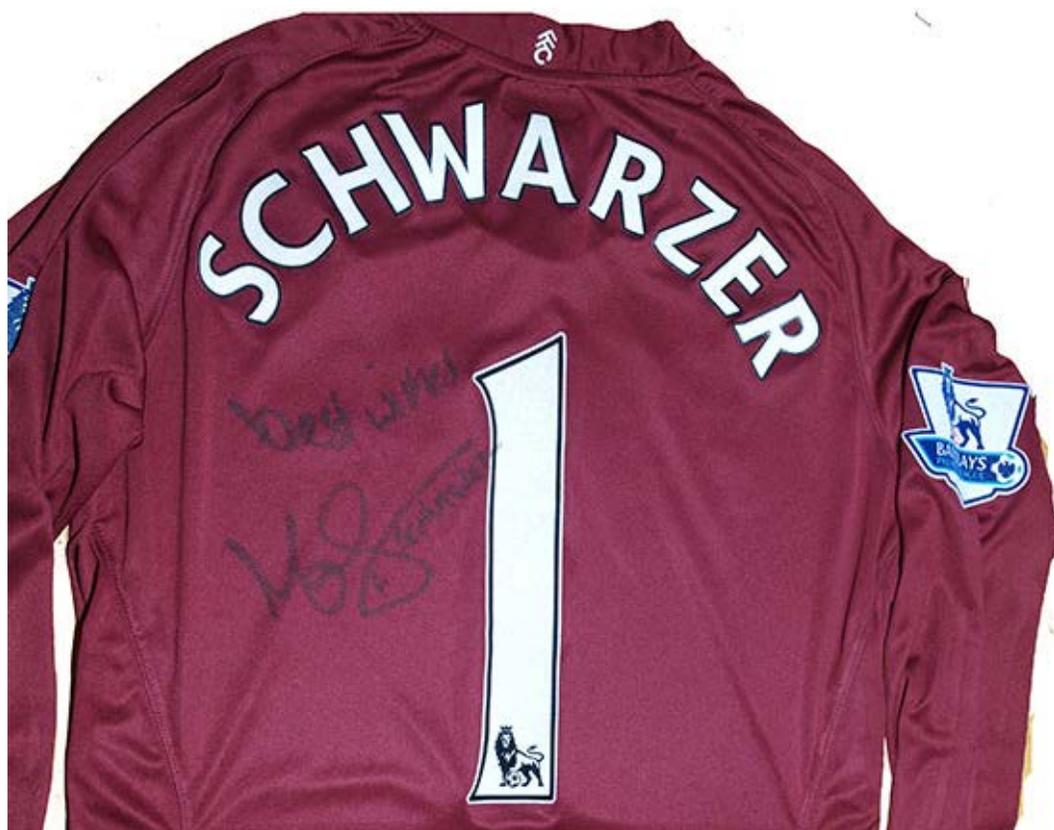


20th February 2013

**Football shirts, signed by
Chelsea captain, John Terry and
Fulham goalkeeper, Mark Schwarzer,
will be auctioned at a charity event
hosted by the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour
at the Smugglers, Pevensey,
on Friday 22nd February.**

**All proceeds from the event and the auction will be donated to
the Children with Cancer Fund, Polegate.**





Although the event is now fully subscribed, **e-mail bids for the shirts will be accepted until 3pm on Friday.**

Bids must include:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Amount bid

Bid for the John Terry Shirt

Bid for the Mark Schwarzer Shirt

18th February 2013

Although various people expressed an interest in getting involved in the Sovereign Harbour entry for the 2013 Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival, many of the key players from 2012 are unavailable, or unable to commit as much time this year.



And, as the organisers have been unable to find someone new to lead and drive the project, there will, sadly, be no Sovereign Harbour entry this year.

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

16th February 2013

In their first participation in the Eastbourne Music and Arts Festival at the Winter Garden, both Sovereign Polyphony and Polyphony Ensemble were awarded distinction certificates by the adjudicator Mr. G. Trew.



The Agnes Sarah Reed cup was won by Polyphony Ensemble, whilst the St. Cecilia Shield was presented to Sovereign Polyphony.

[Click here](#) for the Sovereign Polyphony 2013 schedule.

15th February 2013

The unauthorised encampment in the Harbour Reach car park in Prince William Parade has now been vacated. The travellers informed Police Officers that they were going to London.



The barrier at the car park entrance was badly damaged by what is thought was a lorry reversing into it last week. It to be removed as it was strewn across the road and was causing a traffic hazard. Unfortunately this is the second time in 4 months this has happened.

Contractors will repair and reinstate the barrier next week.

15th February 2013

Last year Sussex Police, along with all forces across the UK, moved to a new non-emergency telephone number, 101. The new number operated in parallel with the old number; [0845 60 70 999](tel:08456070999).



However the time has come for the old 0845 number to be switched off. From 18th February, therefore, it is important for everyone to update their records to reflect the new number.

101 calls cost a maximum of 15p and, through this number, you can contact any Police force, not just Sussex. Its easy to remember and has already proved a success over the last year or so.

A new direct number, [01273-470101](tel:01273470101), has also been provided, and this will connect you directly to Sussex Police. Also, for residents on inclusive call plans which include free calls to local numbers, there would be no cost. In all other cases usual call costs apply.

Additionally, [the Sussex Police website](#) offers a wide range of services. You can report report crime, anti-social behaviour, abandoned vehicles, and a range of other matters along with a lot of useful information.

15th February 2013

Sussex Police have notified Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC)

that they will not be using their powers under Section 62A to remove the traveller encampment from the Harbour Reach car park. Their reasons, at this stage, being that there are no aggravating circumstances to warrant their immediate removal i.e. any anti-social behaviour or criminal damage, and no impact on local environment or local commerce. If this situation should change they have advised that they will re-consider this decision.



EBC has, therefore, served Section 77 Notices on the encampment first thing this morning, and have been advised by the travellers that they will be leaving the site today.

If the travellers do not move on today, Sussex Police will continue with regular patrols of the site and make regular reports to ensure that, if the situation should change, then immediate reconsideration of Section 62A powers can be addressed.

15th February 2013

Aegon International tickets are now on sale. The Aegon International is set to feature some of the world's top players once again this summer, and tennis lovers can get up close and personal as tickets go on sale this weekend.



The tournament, hosted on the pristine lawns of Devonshire Park in Eastbourne, takes place between 15th and 22nd June, as the great and the good fine tune their preparations for The Championships, Wimbledon.

Daily tickets for the Aegon International go on sale at 9am this Saturday, 16th February at www.aegoninternational.co.uk/tickets or by calling 0844-5813015.

13th February 2013

A group of French speaking travellers has occupied the Harbour Reach car park at the end of Ramsey Way adjacent to the Water Treatment Works. Our information is that they arrived today from Bexhill, and are, hopefully, not expected to stay for long.



Police and Council Officers are aware of what has happened, and are taking the necessary action to take control of the situation.

11th February 2013

Due to another engagement, the Sovereign Ward Councillors will not be holding their scheduled surgery on Saturday 16th February.



The councillors usually hold surgeries on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 10:30am until 12:30pm, in the annex of Simply Italian at the Waterfront.

If you have any urgent issues that you need to discuss, you can contact them by telephone or e-mail.

[Click here](#) for details.

10th February 2013

BT has begun rolling out the "Infinity" fibre optic broadband network to Sovereign Harbour.

So far, only residents in parts of the South Harbour are being offered the service. Enquiries for availability in the North Harbour say it will be available on 31st March, but enquiries for individual lines are still saying the service is unavailable. Hopefully the service will be available to all very soon.

Check your line on [the BT website](#).

31st January 2013

The Eastbourne Half Marathon will be run again on Sunday 3rd March. The route, as usual, will take runners around the harbour. It is only two years since the number of entrants reached 1000, and 1100 have already signed up for 2013. The organisers are aiming for 2000.



There are usually a good number of residents and visitors who turn out to watch and, as this year's entry is anticipated to be the biggest ever, it will be a great spectacle.

However, an event of this size needs careful marshalling and the organisers are looking for volunteers who can spend a few hours on the day to help out. If you can help, please [e-mail Rupert Ashford](#).

Full details, [visit the Eastbourne Marathon website](#).

29th January 2013

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its January 2013 newsletter.

[Click here](#) to download a copy.



28th January 2013

Both Eastbourne lifeboats were launched late yesterday afternoon. Due to adverse sea conditions and the imminent onset of darkness, both boats were tasked to attend an incident at Beachy Head at the request of Police officers already on scene.



A car had been driven over the 400ft cliffs and was on the beach below, a casualty was seen to be caught on rocks half way down and there was concern that another casualty might be in the wreckage of the car. The tasking for the volunteer lifeboat crew was to go ashore and check the car whilst the Coastguard Cliff Rescue team recovered the casualty from the cliff top. Eastbourne's all-weather lifeboat (ALB) stood by as safety cover whilst the inshore lifeboat (ILB) attempted to land.

Unable to negotiate the breaking surf with the ILB, two crewmen, Peter Needham and Michael Wishman, swam ashore to undertake the inspection. Having established that there were no further casualties on the beach the lifeboats were requested to stand by as safety cover for the other emergency services.

Both boats returned to station at approximately 6.30pm.

24th January 2013

Dr. Colin McKee, Chairman of the Eastbourne Lifeboat Management group, announced the end of the new lifeboat appeal, and acknowledges everyone



who contributed to its success. Dr McGee said:

"Despite the difficult times we are all facing, I am delighted to announce that the Eastbourne RNLi Diamond Jubilee Appeal has closed with a final balance of £149,442.42, all raised by local efforts. This figure exceeded our initial target by almost 50%, funding and equipping the training of volunteer crews as well as completing the fundraising of the £2.7 million required to buy this magnificent Search and Rescue vessel.

The new Tamar class lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee*, after her trip behind Her Majesty the Queen in the Royal Flotilla at the Thames Pageant, has launched on rescue service 23 times already. She is a hugely impressive lifeboat, larger, faster and safer than any Eastbourne lifeboat before her, with superb search equipment and the ability to reach casualties at speed in any conditions the sea may throw at us. Those of us who work on and with *Diamond Jubilee* are both proud and humbled. We are proud to have been entrusted with this magnificent lifeboat, and humbled by the generosity and support of you, our local community, in giving so much in money, effort and time to reach and exceed our very ambitious total.

The community have pulled out the stops for us and we hope that we can live up to that. From all of us at Eastbourne Lifeboat station, thank you."

22nd January 2013

Southern Water has, at long last, adopted the remaining foul water pumping stations in the North Harbour. This now means that the main sewage infrastructure is now the responsibility of Southern Water. This includes the three pumping stations on Pacific Drive and the station in Caroline Way, as well as the pumped and gravity fed sewers within Pacific Drive.



For water supply or waste water emergencies, blocked drains or possible pollution, call: [0845 278 0845](tel:0845 278 0845).

21st January 2013

Premier Marinas has recently installed new signage and warning lights on all pedestrian bridges around the harbour. These have been upgraded to improve the safe operation of the bridges and to improve pedestrians awareness of when the bridges are being operated.

Pedestrians are, however, still ignoring the lights, and sirens and walk onto the bridges after the opening procedure has been started. Not only is this very dangerous, it also delays the operation for everyone.



An order has been placed for dedicated CCTV cameras to be installed on each bridge, which will record all activities in the area and improve the safe operations of the bridges.

Pedestrians are reminded that they **must** stop when the red light flashes and keep out of the yellow hatched area to allow the barriers to descend and the bridge to open. The operating staff will do their utmost to complete the process as soon as possible and allow access across the bridge as soon as possible.

17th January 2013

Exercise classes are being held at the Harbour Medical Practice.



If you would like to join in "Pilates for Adults" or "Healthy Sixties" for the over sixties, or would like more information, please contact the Medical Centre reception desk on [01323-470370](tel:01323-470370) .

17th January 2013

Pevensey Coastal Defences Project Manager, Ian Thomas, has issued the following update:



"Even though the weather has been better (for south facing sea defences) it was something of a surprise to find that the brief interlude of south-easterly waves last Saturday produced more erosion. Consequently recycling started at Sovereign Harbour on Monday rather than today.

In many places shingle is still on the lower reaches of the beach, where it was drawn down between Christmas and New Year. With several more 7.7m and 7.8m tides to come before spring (hopefully) arrives there are several places where we will need to mechanically reinforce the beach. One of the items we need to complete is a long haul from Cooden to Sovereign Harbour using 6 or 7 trucks in convoy. At present it looks as though this will start on Monday 28 January and last for one week.

In the meantime two trucks will continue to move smaller amounts to Sovereign Harbour, 'White Horses', Beachlands, Normans Bay and Herbrand Walk and will move around to suit tides and weather as it changes. Sospan Dau finally completed the 2012 recharge on Saturday and has now gone for a month or two. She will be back in March to complete works for the Agency at Bulverhythe, then Eastbourne in the area around the pier, and dredge the entrance to Sovereign Harbour."

16th January 2013

The Sovereign Harbour "veterans" (40 plus) football team has been running for about six years, and is now fully subscribed, although the waiting list is open to prospective members.



The club is, however, in need of a goal keeper so, if you think you could fit the bill, please contact Frank Milmo; contact details below.

The group meets every Sunday morning for a 'kickabout' and five-a-side matches between themselves, either on the Astroturf facilities at Sussex Downs College during the summer, and indoors at Moira House Sports Hall, Meads, during the winter.

For more information, or updates on the membership situation, [visit the "vetsfooty" website](#)
E-mail Frank
or call Frank on 07771-610158.

15th January 2013

Sovereign Harbour currently has hourly bus services to the Town Centre starting from both North and South Harbours (route 51). Additionally, those living close to Pevensey Bay Road can also use the more frequent 99 service to and from the Town Centre. There have, however, been a number of complaints about the 51 service, mostly concerning regular late running, and occasional cancelled



services.

In response to residents' concerns, Cllr Patrick Warner is arranging to meet the local Operations Manager to discuss residents' concerns, and would be interested to know how many more residents may have experienced problems. If you have any comments about bus services, please contact him directly.

[E-mail Cllr Warner](#)

Telephone: 07825-567888 (please leave a voicemail with your number if you don't get a response)

Twitter: @CllrWarner

Post:

2 St Lawrence Mews
Sovereign Harbour North
Eastbourne, BN23 5QD
or
Members Room
Town Hall,
Grove Road
Eastbourne, BN21 4UG

14th January 2013

The Bright Ideas Christmas cards, showing harbour snow scenes, were a great success, and Bright Ideas is already planning for its 2013 range.



So, they are looking for suitable images for the range, and are asking for local photographers to submit their harbour photographs for consideration. The only conditions are that they must be taken at Sovereign Harbour, must reflect the Christmas season and must be of high enough resolution for printing.

The names of the those who take the selected photographs will be printed on the back of the card, and the photographers will be given fifty of the cards for their own use.

The current weather forecast seems to indicate that local conditions could soon be just what they are looking for, so get out there with your cameras.

If you have a photograph that you think could be suitable, [e-mail it to Bright Ideas](#).

13th January 2013

Eastbourne Freegle is an online reuse group, set up to save things from going to landfill in Eastbourne and the surrounding areas.



This works quite simply, with members offering items they no longer want, and asking for things they do. Recent items on the group include plant pots, sofas and cat food, and requests often ask for children's clothes and white goods.

There is one simple rule for Freegle - everything is free. Joining is free, posting messages is free, and every item given or received is done so for free, so as well as being a fantastic environmental resource it's a great community one as well. As well as local residents, Eastbourne Freegle is open to businesses, charities and community groups, so we hope you may be interested in joining the 4500 existing members.

Another significant benefit to local groups is the community event feature - you

can advertise any community events for free from the website (on the right of the page once you're logged in), and all our 4,500+ members will be informed, so it's a great way of spreading the word - from one-off events or fund-raisers to regular meetings and get-togethers.

[Click here](#) for more information

6th January 2013

The dredger "Sospan Dau" made an unscheduled return to Sovereign Harbour on Saturday 5th January, due to operational difficulties with her current assignment.



She will continue to replenish the North Harbour beach from Monday to Thursday, and will return at the end of February to complete the task. It is also possible that she will undertake a dredge of the outer harbour at the same time.

As replenishment can only take place around high tides, [work continues in darkness](#).