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29th September 2012

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its September 2012 Newsletter.

There's lots of news and advice to keep you and you hard earned cash safe from criminals.

[Click here](#) to download the newsletter.



27th September 2012

The September issue of the Trading Standards newsletter, TSConnect, is now available for download. Subjects covered include:



- Cooper is always forgotten: Colt Building Contractors Ltd
- Buy With Confidence supermarket campaign
- The changing faces of Trading Standards
- New website launched to improve labour market
- Focus on Wave Leisure>Enterprising East Sussex takes car hire company to court
- Hailsham learning disability safety scheme is a County first
- Buy With Confidence members conference

[Click here](#) to download a copy

26th September 2012

"OPUS 12" is a new, harbour based, small group for dedicated, acapella singers who have a high level of musicianship.



Its repertoire will cover an eclectic mix of classical music ranging from the 16th to the 21st centuries. The group aims to perform in different venues and events.

For more details about joining the group, please contact Michael Chiswick on 01323-479032 or 07876-178532 or [e-mail Michael](#).

26th September 2012

News feed from...



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The Caer Urfa has been a familiar sight in the Sovereign Harbour marina for nine and a half years. For much of that time she has been berthed in the North Harbour adjacent to Hamilton Quay.

However, on the afternoon of 20th September, she sailed out of the harbour on route for Shoreham, where she will berth by her new owners.

[Click here](#) to view a video of her departure.

25th September 2012

Autumn seems to have arrived already so with the next spring tides not far away the bulldozer has arrived to start work this afternoon.



It will be joined on Monday by a small recycling team that will start at Beachlands and then move east. They are expected to be here for two weeks, so that everything is ready for the 8.0m tide on 17th October.

25th September 2012

Eastbourne District Police Commander, Jayne Dando, has issued the following statement.

"I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the latest press release relating to the continuing search for missing Eastbourne teenager, Megan Stammers. Megan was last seen on Friday 21st September and is believed to be in France with Jeremy Forrest from Ringmer, East Sussex.



We know that Megan crossed from Dover to Calais at around time 9.20 on Friday evening (21 September). It is believed she is still in France and we are in contact with the French authorities.

Yesterday afternoon, there was a press conference at Police Headquarters in Lewes where detectives and Megan's family appealed for her to return home. This was featured on the evening news programmes.

We are working closely with our partners at Bishop Bell school and the wider Eastbourne Community to ensure Megan returns home safely, and to support her family and friends through this worrying time.

I would like to appeal to anyone who knows Megan and has not spoken to us to please get in touch. Her family are incredibly worried and want her to come home. Your call will be dealt with in the utmost confidence. Dial 101 quoting serial 679 of 21/9."

23rd September 2012

Premier Marinas has issued the following advanced warning of essential maintenance work.



North Bridge

Every effort will be made to limit the inconvenience to pedestrians during the maintenance work on the North Bridge, it will be more of an inconvenience to our Berth Holders as it will not be possible to lift the bridge on request. Notices will be displayed around the Marina closer to the start date detailing more accurate timings, below are details of the planned work.

The Maintenance Department's program for the North Bridge is to carry out some work on two rams on 30th October 2012 for 1 day only, this will involve the bridge remaining in the lowered position for most of the day allowing pedestrian access. We are only expecting the bridge to be raised for an extended period (approx 1 hour) during the morning to lower two rams under one side and then later in the afternoon to allow two rams to be removed. Further work will be carried out to the North Bridge rams from 12th November 2012 for approximately 12 days, again this will involve the bridge being raised during the morning of Monday 12th November for approx 1 hour to lower two rams into position. Once in position the bridge will be lowered to allow pedestrian access whilst the rams are connected.

Lock Gates

We are planning to undertake our annual lock maintenance from 6th November 2012 for 4 weeks, this year the lock closest the Marina Office will be drained of water to allow work to be carried out to the lock gate seals and pins. No pedestrian access will be permitted over the locks on Tuesday 6th November for approximately 12 hours from 0730hrs to allow safe crane operations.

With both projects overlapping we will ensure pedestrian access will not be restricted over the bridge or locks simultaneously. Signage will be provided to direct pedestrians via the alternative routes during these works.

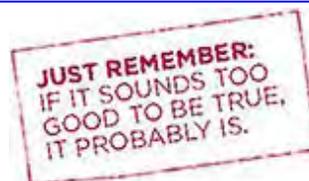
I hope this has explained the planned maintenance works sufficiently but should you require further information please do not hesitate to let Janet or myself know.

Kind regards,

Dave Needham
Assistant Marina Manager
Sovereign Harbour
Premier Marinas Limited
tel: 01323 470099
fax: 01323 470077

19th September 2012

In the introduction to the "little Book of Big Scams", Esther Rantzen says: *"One of the mysteries of the con-man is why he bothers (I say he, but of course there are plenty of con-women who are just as unscrupulous). He is often energetic, imaginative and ambitious, so why doesn't he build up a decent, respectable business instead of robbing hard-working people? I suppose it's because con-men (and I've met many over my years in consumer protection) all regard the people they deceive simply as walking wallets, to be ruthlessly squeezed, emptied, and then thrown away.*



So the con-men will shamelessly lie to us, try to tempt us with "something for nothing", "too good to be true" offers – like the "show house" discount for double glazing or central heating, or the "million pound lottery" he pretends you have won and so on. And he gambles on the fact that when we discover that we've fallen for his blatant swindle, we will be too ashamed to report him to the police or the Trading Standards officers."

Download the [Little Book of Big Scams](#) to help protect you from unscrupulous con men.

18th September 2012

PCSO Simon French from Sussex Police and Elizabeth Bowring from Trading Standards will be in Pevensey Bay library on Thursday 20th September from 10:00 to 12:30.



Simon and Elizabeth will be promoting the "Buy With Confidence" scheme and making members of public aware of current scams. All are welcome.

[Click here](#) to visit the Buy With Confidence website.

18th September 2012

Voices is a community choir with a difference. Modelled on the Choir That Rocks and Military Wives choir, this is a rocking, swinging, choir for all.

Thursday nights see the choir meeting at The Pevensey Bay Baptist Church 7:00 to 9:00pm. And, the newest choir will meet on Wednesday nights at The Albany Lions Hotel, Grand Parade, Eastbourne, **starting on 3rd October**, so Sovereign Harbour residents have the choice of two choirs, in either direction!



There are no auditions, no experience necessary, and no need to read music. . this is a real FUN gathering. There are concerts in the summer and at Christmas, with profits going to charities nominated by the choir members. Each session is just £5.

Voices Pevensey Bay started in July 2012 and now has a membership of over 90 singers. Ages range from early 20s to their most senior, 86 year old! The choir has both male and female members. . .but could do with a few more guys, as they are outnumbered!

The choir will perform their first concert at Stone Cross Memorial Hall on 16th December at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £5/ £2.50 for children. All profits will go to local charities.

The choir director is Diana Terry, a singer and actress with West End and touring theatre experience, plus numerous film, TV and radio appearances.

For more information, or to book concert tickets, call 01323-766994 or [email Diana](#)

17th September 2012

Eastbourne's MP, Stephen Lloyd is planning to jump out of an aircraft at 10,000 feet. with a parachute.



Stephen, who is also a member of Eastbourne AM Rotary, will be making a parachute jump on the 1st of October, to raise money for two worthy local Rotary causes; Eastbourne Refuge, and a fund to buy Xmas

presents for families who are facing a tough time this Christmas.

If you are able to make a contribution to his heroic (some might say foolhardy) enterprise, he will be enormously grateful.

[Click here](#) to donate through the JustGiving website.

16th September 2012



A large group of residents from Sovereign Harbour and Langney Point met yesterday at the Waste Water Treatment Works to walk the extra mile for the Save the DGH campaign.

The group marched down the promenade to the Redoubt where they joined thousands more local people for the march to the Western Lawns for a rally.

All of the speakers urged those present to complete a standard letter to the Secretary of State for Health and post it to him to demonstrate their resolve to protect local health services.

If you care about the future of health services in Eastbourne, please [click here](#) to download a copy of the letter. Please complete a copy for each member of you household and post them in an envelope, with a second class stamp, to the address shown.



13th September 2012

The team behind the winning Sovereign Harbour carnival float was videoed throughout the construction stage and in the parade.

The edited video is now available for viewing

[Click here](#)



12th September 2012

When Casper the cat went missing, and his owners, Rob and Zoe, couldn't find him, they posted notices locally, asking residents to keep an eye open



for him and check their garages and sheds. When, after eight days, he hadn't been found, they were beginning to fear the worst.

However, yesterday morning, somebody walking past Martello Tower 66, heard a plaintive cry, and looked up to see Casper at the top of the tower. He phoned Zoe, who was about to get on a train for work. She came back and, having located the key-holder, rescued Casper who, apart from being a little dehydrated, was in good shape.

Rob and Zoe would like to mention the lovely community spirit they experienced whilst Casper was missing, and thank everyone who helped look for him.

11th September 2012

A team of volunteers from ASDA, led by "Community Colleague", Theresa Parkinson, spent this morning picking up litter from the verge of Pevensey Bay Road adjacent to the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.



Fifteen bags of rubbish were collected, plus one shopping trolley full of larger items (child's bath, paddling pool etc).

11th September 2012

Water Feature - Councillors wade in! Sovereign Ward's three Borough councillors and its County councillor have jointly written to Persimmon Homes and their solicitors Clarke Willmott to add their voices to the concerns that local residents have raised about the proposed hand over of the South Harbour water feature, and its long term viability.



The councillors ask Persimmon to hold in abeyance attempts to have residents sign new Deeds of Covenant until an independent survey of the water feature has taken place.

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[Background here...](#)

11th September 2012

A delay in Sospan Dau's work at Selsey means she suddenly has the opportunity to deliver a few loads of this year's beach recharge to Sovereign Harbour – starting on the 07:50 high water today. She was not expected to put in an appearance until October.



It is likely that she will only be available until Friday, but will return later to deliver the usual amount of sea dredged aggregate as usual for this time of year.

With the weather now as good as it has been at almost any time in the summer, recycling is not expected to start until the end of September. However the arrival of wet and windy conditions could soon change that.

6th September 2012

Are you looking for a football club for your under 12 boy? A small, friendly club at Stone Cross is in urgent need of new members who can turn out on a regular basis.



The newly formed club will provide free skills coaching and the opportunity to play team football.

For more details, or to register an interest, please call Cavan on 07927-380438.

5th September 2012

The South and West Harbour Bridges will be closed to pedestrians on Monday 10th September 2012 from 09.00 for 24.00 to allow painting of the decks (subject to weather).



Notices have been displayed advising pedestrians of the closure.

Premier Marinas apologise for the inconvenience this essential work may cause.

4th September 2012



Did you receive this invitation in the post today? If so, did you call the 0800 number?

Despite all assurances from East Sussex County Council that the harbour will be connected to the infinity network, four calls to different BT departments all confirm that the service is not available, and there is no projected date for availability.

Several attempts to speak to somebody at a senior level have all failed.

If you feel that we are being poorly treated by BT, please write to:

Warren Buckley,
Managing Director,
Customer Services,
BT Correspondence Centre,
Providence Row,
Durham, DH98 1BT.

31st August 2012

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its August 2012 Newsletter.



In this issue:

- Airbourne
- Eastbourne Neighbourhood Panels
- Youth behaviour improvement scheme
- More. . . .

[Click here](#) to download the newsletter.

30th August 2012



Premier Marinas has today issued a further press release concerning the incident that occurred at the Sovereign Harbour sea-locks on 4th August.

"At 00:27 hours on 4 August 2012 the outer lock gate of the west lock at Sovereign Harbour Marina was opened during a routine procedure to "top up" the water levels within the marina basin. The gate was partially open for 2 minutes 30 seconds. This created a tidal flow on six vessels moored on a single pontoon adjacent to the lock, resulting in this pontoon breaking into three sections.

Six boats, in a marina occupied by 727 boats, were affected by the incident. None of these boats suffered any serious damage, no persons were injured and at no time was the harbour at risk of flooding. The lock management system has a number of safety features designed to manage the risk presented by unwanted flooding of the marina basin and the outer lock gates will close automatically when the water level within the marina basin reaches a pre-determined level.

An investigation into the incident, led by the Harbour Master, has been concluded. The results of the investigation are being reviewed by The Harbour Board which has responsibility under the Port Marine Safety Code for the safe operation of the marina.

Findings of the investigation will be shared with relevant stakeholders through the Sovereign Harbour Users and Stakeholders Group which next meets on 2nd October 2012. Berth holders, residents, The RNLI, The Environment Agency, The Police and The Fire Service are represented on this group."

29th August 2012

As many residents will know, the huge water feature on the South Harbour has never worked properly, and has been poorly maintained. Less well known is the fact that 369 local property owners on the Columbus Point development have a commitment in their deeds to pay a management company for the upkeep and maintenance of the feature. However, such have been the problems with the feature that several years ago one managing agent threw in the towel and returned monies it had collected.



During the past year a Water Feature Action Group has been pressing the developers Persimmon to bring the feature back up to scratch before it again becomes the responsibility of local residents, and to allow a full viability survey of it to be carried out before any handover.

Despite the water feature still not functioning properly and looking in a very sad state, property owners in the Columbus Point development have now received letters from solicitors Clarke Willmott informing them that:

- Persimmon/Aria Homes have transferred responsibility for the water feature to CPMCL (Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited), and have appointed Fell Reynolds as managing agents.
- Property owners need to sign the new Deed of Covenant by 28 September 2012 or pay £600+ arrears of service charges.
- Property owners are offered £300 towards legal advice providing it is obtained from one of three selected local solicitors.

The Water Feature Action Group are considering their response to the letters and are working with other local groups, including the Columbus Point Residents Association, to investigate the possibility of obtaining some pooled legal advice.

[Click here](#) for further information.

23rd August 2012

Do you want Eastbourne DGH to become a cottage hospital?

The NHS is running a public consultation, which ends on 28th September 2012, asking for views on the single siting of Orthopaedics, General Surgery and Stroke services. If these services go, it is inevitable that others, such as Maternity and Paediatrics, will soon follow.



On 15th September, the **"Save the DGH"** campaign will be holding a march along the seafront, ending with a rally at the Wish Tower. Currently, the plan is to meet at the Redoubt at 10am, with the rally starting at 11am. but details are still to be finalised.

It has also been suggested that groups of people, starting at a variety of locations, and joining up on the seafront would add impact. **One suggested starting point is Sovereign Harbour**, probably assembling at Langney Point and marching down the promenade to join up with other protesters.

If you would like to be a member of the Sovereign Harbour group, please e-mail info@shra.co.uk with **"DGH - count me in"** in the title.

Please keep the date free and keep looking at the websites below for updates. Please tell all your family, friends and neighbours. Thousands of people marching will send a message to the local NHS which says that we, the public, do not agree with their proposals. This will also give the "Save the DGH" campaign the mandate to fight these proposals on our behalf. Please help them save these services at the DGH.

To keep up with the latest news, return to this page or visit: the ["Save the DGH" website](#).

22nd August 2012

Eastbourne Police District Commander, Jayne Dando, has issued the following message:



"I am sure that most partners and colleagues will be aware from local and National press of the sad death of Mr Chris Poole last week. You may also be aware that two men have now been charged with murder and are appeared at Lewes Crown Court this morning (Tuesday)

As I said in my initial message to you all, the shock and impact of this dreadful crime has been felt across the Town. I want to reassure you that we are working hard with all our partners to make sure that we are present in those effected communities.

Starting this morning and running until Friday between 10 and midday we will be present with colleagues and friends at the Frenchgate Centre, on the corner

of Frenchgate Rd and Lottbridge Road, to offer support, and talk to anyone who has concerns, or just wants to come together with others in their community, particularly those in the Hydneye area. Refreshments will be available, and we are grateful to our Chaplain Mike Alcock and his congregation for offering this facility to us.

There has been much press coverage on this incident understandably, and I have been very clear in my messages, that this is a terrible and tragic incident. It is however thankfully rare in the Town. I do appreciate that the reported circumstances will have had a negative impact upon some in our community who were already fearful of crime, and in particular groups of young people especially after dark. Myself and partners within the Town will continue to work together to make Eastbourne a safe place for all."

16th August 2012

The Save the DGH campaign team will be at the Arndale Centre, Eastbourne, from 12-3pm on Sunday 19th August explaining the current local NHS proposals to single-site General Surgery, Stroke, Trauma and Orthopaedics with Maternity and Paediatrics later in the year.



The team will also have some consultation questionnaires for people who would like to complete them.

Come and see them, just outside Starbucks/Top Man

[Click here](#) to visit the "Save the DGH" website.

16th August 2012

The campaign led by Stephen Lloyd MP to secure quicker trains between Eastbourne and London, with at least one fast train an hour to the capital, taking no longer than 72 minutes, is gathering pace, with lobbyists working on possible changes to put to central Government.



There is currently a stakeholder consultation taking place, due to close on Thursday 23rd August, which is all part of the process to decide who will be the next train operator for the Eastbourne train service. The service is currently run by Southern, with the new operator due to take over in 2015. If we act now, and are successful in persuading the Department for Transport that Eastbourne deserves a faster and better service to the capital may well become a reality.

However, to do this, the campaign needs our help! The more submissions to the consultation by people like us, sharing our feelings about why Eastbourne needs a faster train service to London, the more likely it is, we will get a faster service.

In order to make a submission to the consultation please email or write to the Department of Transport saying why you feel Eastbourne deserves, and would benefit from, a faster service to the capital. The reasons for campaigning are listed below; you may wish to reiterate or build on these reasons in your own letter/email to the DfT.

A faster service will:

- Improve the quality of life for those who currently commute daily to the capital.
- Stop others who commute to London moving away from the town.
- Boost spending power in the local economy and jobs on offer by increasing visitor numbers and attracting people working in London to settle in Eastbourne.

Offer a better service to Eastbourne residents, which is the fastest growing town in East Sussex, and one of the fastest growing in the South East.

- Attract greater inward investment.

[E-mail the Department for Transport](#)

[Click here](#) to download an example letter (in Word format)

[Click here](#), and [here](#), for more information

9th August 2012



An area of land at the end of the North Harbour (known as site eight) has been temporarily fenced off.

This will be used for the safe storage of the pontoons damaged in the "lock gate incident" on Saturday morning. It is expected that they will remain there for about six to eight weeks.

7th August 2012

Sussex Police have warned residents of an increase in "distraction burglaries"



A distraction burglary is when someone calls at your door, pretending to be an official from an organisation such as a utility company, the 'water board', council, or in some audacious cases, the police. They trick their way in and distract you while they rifle through your house to steal money or goods.

[This film](#) shows a reconstruction of a typical distraction burglary and the effect it has on the victim and her family, including her granddaughter.

Elderly and vulnerable people are the main target of these callous and cowardly criminals and the new campaign aims to raise awareness among older people, their families and carers, of how distraction burglars operate and what to do when confronted with an unexpected caller at their door.

The message is simple – Not sure? Don't open the door! You do not have to let anyone in your house who you are not sure about, even if they claim to be on official business, it doesn't mean that they are.

[Click here](#) to download a handy door hanger.

6th August 2012

Following an incident at the marina sea locks early on Saturday morning, Premier Marinas has issued the following statement.



"Sovereign Harbour - Incident Statement - 4th August 2012

At around midnight on 3rd August, immediately following a routine 'top up' of the Inner Harbour basin, one of the seaward lock gates opened whilst the Inner Harbour gates were open.

The lock gate opened approximately eight feet, with a three foot head of water entering the Harbour. The tidal load on the vessels and pontoons resulted in a pontoon breaking into three sections. These have now either been secured or removed.

Harbour personnel were on site and responded immediately. Power and water supplies were isolated and a count of crew on board vessels was carried out. No persons were injured. There was some superficial damage to a small number of visiting vessels.

The lock gates are in working order and we are currently carrying out a full investigation into the incident."

5th August 2012

The number given in Waterlines to report abandoned trolleys (Trolleywise) is, unfortunately wrong. The correct number is 07930-662042 or 01633-892362.



Alternatively, the EBC website provides an alternative trolley collection service number, 01392-882210, or Asda on 01323-470014.

Please be sure to mention Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne and give the exact location of the trolley.

2nd August 2012

Work to repair and repaint the balconies and railings of developments at Columbus Point in the South Harbour including San Juan Court and Dominica Court are scheduled to start on 13 August. The work is being carried out in a rolling programme that will not be completed until early May 2013.



Two sets of work are being carried out. The major work is for NHBC and entails remedial treatment to both embedded and visible steel sections of the balconies on some of the apartment blocks. This balcony work will require extensive scaffolding, so Hazelvine, the managing agents, will be utilising the scaffolding to carry out their work on the repainting of the balcony railings. They will also be repainting the terrace/garden railings.

The NHBC work on the balconies will entail removing balcony railings, floors and ceilings to access the usually hidden steel structure so that it can be grit-blasted and then treated with a protective coating. During the work residents will lose access to their balconies for about three months.

The contractors will be using an area of Site 1 close to the Langney Point roundabouts for site offices and to store equipment and materials.

27th July 2012

The campaign to protect core services at the Eastbourne DGH is gearing up, and the most senior doctors at the hospital say they do not have confidence in the proposed clinical strategy.

Join us tomorrow - Saturday, July 28, at the Congress Suite

Stephen Lloyd MP, Liz Walke and other members of the cross party "Save the DGH" campaign will be taking part in the DGH Consultation

Stephen Lloyd said: "To show the strength of feeling in our town, it would be really helpful if as many residents as possible showed their support by joining us outside the Congress Suite at 10am."

[Click here](#) to visit the "Save the DGH" website,



27th July 2012

If you have recently received a bill from Southern Water (SW), you might want to check the item "Surface Water Drainage".

Although SW has acknowledged that no property with a post code starting with "BN23 5" should be charged, frequent "clerical errors" seem to result in this charge being wrongly applied, especially to new occupants.

If you have been wrongly charged for this service, you should contact SW Customer Services to request a refund. Past experience shows that the agent will probably try to convince you that the charge is valid; stick to your guns and, if necessary, demand to speak to the Customer Services Manager.



23rd July 2012

Consultation on the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood SPD closes at 5pm tomorrow, 24th July. Please take the time to make your views known and, before doing so, please read the item below concerning the local fishing fleet.

[Click here](#) to download the SPD and all of the documents and displays used at the Yacht Club consultation event.

[Click here](#) to visit the online consultation portal.

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This consultation closes at 5pm on 3rd August

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23rd July 2012

Sovereign Harbour's resident fishermen are seeking the help of harbour residents in their campaign to continue operating from the area behind the Harvester, known as Site 3.



The fishermen have been operating for several years on a rolling three month contract, which the land owner is, they believe, seeking to terminate, leaving them homeless. They would like to develop the site in a similar way to what has been done in Hastings, making it part of the Sovereign Harbour tourism offering.

[Click here](#) to visit the campaign website and complete the short questionnaire.

22nd July 2012

A "Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone" has been proposed as the result of the "Balanced Seas" project.



Balanced Seas was a project working in partnership with all those with an interest in the marine environment to identify and recommend Marine Conservation Zones for the inshore and off-shore waters of south-east England.

Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ) will be set up under the Marine and Coastal Access Act of 2009, and are a new type of Marine Protected Area.

Marine Conservation Zones will protect nationally important marine wildlife, habitats, geology and geomorphology.

If you would like more information, or feel you might like to get involved with the Balanced Seas project, [click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to view the MCZ Project Interactive map.

19th July 2012



On the last day of the summer term, the pupils of the Haven School assembled in the school hall for to say farewell to the members of "Diamond" Class", who will be moving to their secondary schools after the holiday.

After a service of thanks,



conducted by the Revd John Brooks, prizes were awarded to students who had excelled in a number of areas.

SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, presented the Community Award, which the association donated to the school in 2010.

19th July 2012

We were sorry to hear that Sam Sweiry, founder of the Sovereign Harbour Community Market was taken to hospital following an accident at home on Tuesday.

As a result, Sam has informed us that the Community Market will be suspended for three weeks.

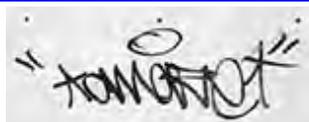


We're please to say that Sam, although bruised an sore, is recovering well, but is being kept in for observation, just to be safe.

We wish Sam a speedy recovery.

17th July 2012

The disturbing increase in graffiti around the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood, especially on the North Harbour continues. This is particularly unattractive and anti-social, and would appear to be the work of one person.



If you are aware of the identity of the culprit, please report this to the Police on their non-emergency help-line, 101.

Vandalism is a criminal act so, if you observe the culprit in the act, call the Police emergency number, 999

16th July 2012

Eastbourne welcomes the Olympic Torch Relay on Tuesday 17 July from 3.18pm. Starting at Kings Drive, the route for the eighteen torch bearers goes through the town centre and along the seafront to the party at Princes Park.

The last part of the route will see the torch travel along Princes Road, with the wide grass verges either side giving great opportunities for visitors and residents to come along and watch.



[Click here](#) for more information.

11th July 2012

The Sovereign Harbour Community Market for

Thursday 12th June, and subsequent Thursdays, will be held in the under-cover area outside Pablo's Restaurant on the Waterfront.

Market organiser, Sam Sweiry, said: "I am very grateful to the Management of Simply Italian for letting us use their annex last week the launch of the Community Market. I also thank the management of Pablo's for allowing us to hold future weekly markets on there premises."



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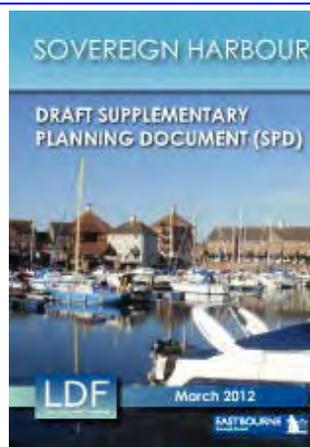
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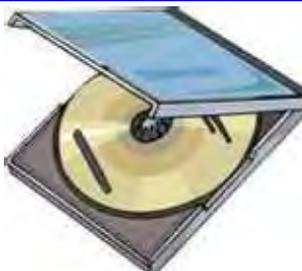
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[Click here](#) to visit the online consultation portal to comment on both.

9th July 2012

Your old CDs could make money for charity.

Just drop them off at the Sovereign Harbour Community Market, any Thursday from 10:30 to midday, in the annex of Simply Italian on the Waterfront. And, while you're there, you never know, you might find something that takes your fancy.



[Click here](#) for more information on the Sovereign Harbour Community Market.

6th July 2012



Yesterday, the Earl and Countess of Wessex visited Sovereign Harbour to attend the service of dedication for Eastbourne's new Tamar Class lifeboat "*RNLB Diamond Jubilee*".

The Waterfront area was crowded with residents and visitors, who enjoyed a beautiful Summer's day.

After the service, Prince Edward officially named "*Diamond Jubilee*", following which, the Royal couple received a conducted tour of the vessel.



5th July 2012

Hopefully, the recent spate of burglaries in Sovereign Harbour, has been brought to an end. Neighbourhood PC, Ed Faulkner today issued the following statement.

"In recent weeks we have seen an increase in the number of domestic burglaries. This was concerning for all residents and very unusual for the Harbour community. I wrote to some residents about this, and since then I can report a successful development.



Following important information from various sources, we arrested two people for the offences. We are satisfied that these were the people involved, however enquiries continue into these matters. If anyone has any information that they think would be useful please let us know.

It goes without saying that despite this progress it is still vital that everyone continues to be vigilant. With the warmer weather there is the temptation to keep doors and windows open. This is an invitation to thieves, and I would urge everyone to keep their property secure.

I have said before that burglars will use every opportunity, day or night, to commit crime and these recent incidents have proved that. We can not be complacent to the threat, and everyone needs to work together. If you would like advice on how to secure your property we are always on hand.

Despite these latest incidents the Harbour continues to be a safe, and community minded place to live, and all of us on the Neighbourhood Team intend to keep it that way."

5th July 2012



BT is rolling out its fibre optic network "Infinity" across Eastbourne, but guess what? There are no plans to include Sovereign Harbour.

Once again, it seems, nobody seems to have considered that the harbour is part of Eastbourne when putting the plan together.

If you would like a super-fast Broadband connection, [click here](#) to visit the BT website, Click on the "**Can I get BT Infinity**" button and, when it tells you you can't, click on the "**Register Interest**" button and enter your details.

The more of us that register an interest, the greater the chance that we will be included.

4th July 2012

There has been enthusiastic response to the plan to start a community market at Sovereign Harbour.

The market, which will be launched on 5th July, will be held every Thursday in the annex of Simply Italian on the Waterfront.



[Click here](#) for more information.

2nd July 2012



On Beach Promenade

On Outer Harbour Promenade

Entrance to RNLI Access Road

Owners have even less excuse for not cleaning up after their dogs. The Victoria Quay Management Company, which manages the Macquarie Quay development has funded the installation of three additional dog bins on the surrounding promenades.

The new bins are located on the beach promenade, the outer harbour promenade and by the rising bollard at the entrance to the RNLI Access road.

This brings the total of dog and dual purpose litter bins in the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood to 26.

1st July 2012



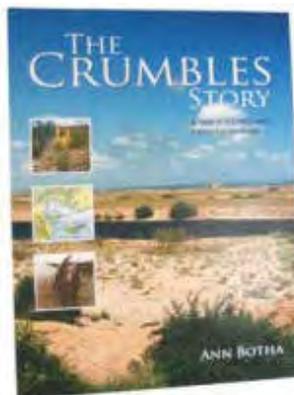
Eleven new signage boards, have been installed all along the seafront from Holywell to Sovereign Harbour. Board number eleven can be seen on the land overlooking the outer harbour, adjacent to the locks, close to the SHRA's sea-bird interpretation board.

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.



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