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Peacehaven Town Council



My old china...

Derek collects our pottery past. See story on Page 3

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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



May 2017



Dennis Cullip-Cross had the first go on the wheelchair swing installed at The Dell, now restructured to become an inclusive play park to allow disabled children to play alongside able bodied children.

The town council has a policy to include all residents in its plans for leisure and amenities and the wheelchair swing is one of only a few in the UK.

A trampoline has also been installed to allow children to benefit from gentle bouncing exercises and at the centre of the new play area is an imposing story-telling chair. Around

80 people joined the Mayor, Cllr Jean Familoe, for the official opening of the accessible area.

Cllr Wayne Botting said: "The first wheelchair accessible swing in the district, here in Peacehaven, what an achievement.

"The park looks fantastic and this swing is amazing. Leisha said to me, when it was her turn to have a go, that it's been four years since she was last able to have a go on a swing.

"It brought a humble tear to my eye to see these young people finally able to be included in the park."

Council meetings

The public may attend any council or committee meeting. Each meeting is normally held at the Meridian Centre and starts at 7.30pm unless stated.

May

- 2 Planning and Highways
- 9 Annual town meeting — all residents welcome to attend (6pm)
- 16 Annual council
- 23 Planning and Highways
- 30 Leisure and Amenities

June

- 6 Council
- 13 Grants (2pm)
- 20 Planning and Highways

Summer of consultation

North ward councillor Ann Harrison was among representatives from organisations and groups from Peacehaven, Telscombe town and village and East Saltdean at a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

A Government bill in 2010 gave towns such as Peacehaven the right to undertake neighbourhood planning. But the process of gaining plan status can be long and drawn-out, taking two to three years. It will require specialist knowledge from various consultants so funding of the project will be required.

Cllr Harrison, who was attending

her first meeting of the group, said: "The main objectives over the coming months are to inform as many people and groups as possible about the plan process and to promote the advantages of having a plan for our towns.

"Principally the towns will have a greater say in planning of their areas and can have some influence in the design, which they don't have now."

She said there would be more financial contributions from developers than at present under so-called Section 106 agreements, which would be paid before work began rather than at the completion.

She said: "Publicity and positive information are vital to persuade people of the benefits, as at the end of the process the draft plan has to be put forward to all the residents in a referendum and over half of those who vote have to be in favour before it can be adopted."

The Neighbourhood Plan Group is currently preparing early-stage consultation for residents and this is scheduled for the end of June and throughout the summer.

Information about dates and consultation venues will be put on Peacehaven and Telscombe town councils' websites in due course.



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Derek Barton has been collecting the scarce Peacehaven crested souvenirs for ten years

A present from Peacehaven

When Peacehaven was in its infancy in the 1920s and 1930s there was little visitors could take away as a memento of their trip to Charles Neville's growing seaside resort.

To meet this demand, shops and tearooms started to stock souvenir crested china, small pieces bearing the town coat of arms that could be bought for a few old pennies.

Peacehaven crested china is scarcer than pieces from larger towns and resorts like Brighton or Eastbourne but Derek Barton has managed to assemble a collection over the last ten years.

He said: "You can see adverts for crested china in old postcards showing the original stores along the South Coast Road. Collecting souvenir china was a

national hobby like collecting stamps and the rule was that wherever you went, you could only acquire a memento bearing the local crest."

The manufacturers were based in the Potteries near Stoke-on-Trent. The pieces depicted subjects such as Roman and medieval jugs, pots and vases, animals, buildings, lighthouses and First World War subjects such as battleships and zeppelins. None of these had any particular relationship with Peacehaven but they were adorned with the town's new coat of arms, a copy of an elegant marble statue called Peace. It was made in Florence for Charles Neville and stood for many years in the Peacehaven Hotel. Sadly, no one seems to know where the statue is now.

TASK FORCE

The volunteers of Peacehaven Task Force have been busy creating a community garden following a town council resolution to dedicate a small piece of land for it.

The garden at The Oval will be used to grow vegetables, fruit and other crops. All residents are welcome to come along to help.



Most of the work of the volunteer team under organiser Gary Johnson is in the town's parks, gardens and open spaces.

Activities planned include putting in more plants at Howard Park, helping to maintain open areas around the town and work on the community garden.

To find out more about joining the Task Force call Campbell McBryer at the town council on 01273 585493.



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Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, May 17, at 7.30pm will be **Allied (15)**. This romantic thriller features **Brad Pitt** as a Canadian intelligence officer and **Marion Cotillard** as a French Resistance fighter who fall in love during a mission. Tickets are £5 from the Information Office.



The town council is hoping for a bumper turnout at its food and drink festival at Centenary Park on Saturday, July 15.

It is asking businesses who want to be a part of it and have a stall to get in touch now. To book your place or find out more call 01273 585493 or email deborahdonovan@peacehavencouncil.co.uk

Volunteers needed

There are more than 62,000 unpaid carers in East Sussex and many are terribly isolated with no help. Lewes and the surrounding area is no exception and with three in five of us expected to become carers at some point in our lives, now might be the time to consider helping out.

The Association of Carers is a local charity that offers free, volunteer-ed support to unpaid carers in East Sussex. The aim is to help reduce

isolation with services such as befriending, respite, telephone support and computer help at home.

Could you help? If you think you could spare just three hours a week to give a carer a break or just half an hour a week to give telephone support, call the team on 01424 722309 or email them at admin@associationofcarers.org.uk

Call too if you would benefit from their services.

SOUND ADVICE

citizens advice Lewes District

New rates for wages, benefits, tax, pensions and savings may affect your household budget this financial year.

Weighing up the changes can be complicated and Citizens Advice can help to track your finances and work out how different deals compare. Among the changes:

- The National Living Wage for people over 25 will rise from £7.20 to £7.50.
- There will be no automatic entitlement to housing benefit for 18 to 21-year-olds who start a new claim for universal credit. There are exemptions, for example parents of children.
- Standard statutory rates of maternity pay, paternity pay,

adoption pay and shared parental pay will rise from £139.58 to £140.98 a week.

- Child tax credits will be restricted to two children. The limit applies only to children born after April 6, 2017.
- On taxes, the personal allowance will rise from £11,000 to £11,500.
- The starting threshold for the 40 per cent higher rate will rise from £43,000 to £45,000.

For further information about any changes and how they could affect you and your family drop in or contact Lewes District Citizens Advice on 03444 111 444.

Further details of opening times are on the website www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk



Peacehaven Town Council will hold its annual town meeting in the Anzac Room at the Meridian Centre on Tuesday, May 9, at 6pm. The annual report will be issued prior to this meeting and all residents are welcome to attend. Awards will be presented to residents who have made valuable contributions to the town.



Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, May 19, at 7pm and Wednesday, May 24, at 2pm.



Peacehaven's councillors on Lewes District Council:

North ward: Andy Loraine, 01273 580919, and Elayne Merry, 01273 580732.

East ward: Nigel Enever, 01273 580399, and Jackie Harrison-Hicks, 01273 589430.

West ward: Dave Neave, 01273 586381, and Robert Robertson, 01273 517069.



Beware of brown-tail moth caterpillars. This is the time of the year for them and they are plentiful along the South Coast but they may cause skin irritation if touched.



Peacehaven's Mayor for 2017-18 will be chosen at the council meeting on May 16.



Because of the General Election campaign there is no column from Peacehaven's MP this month.



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