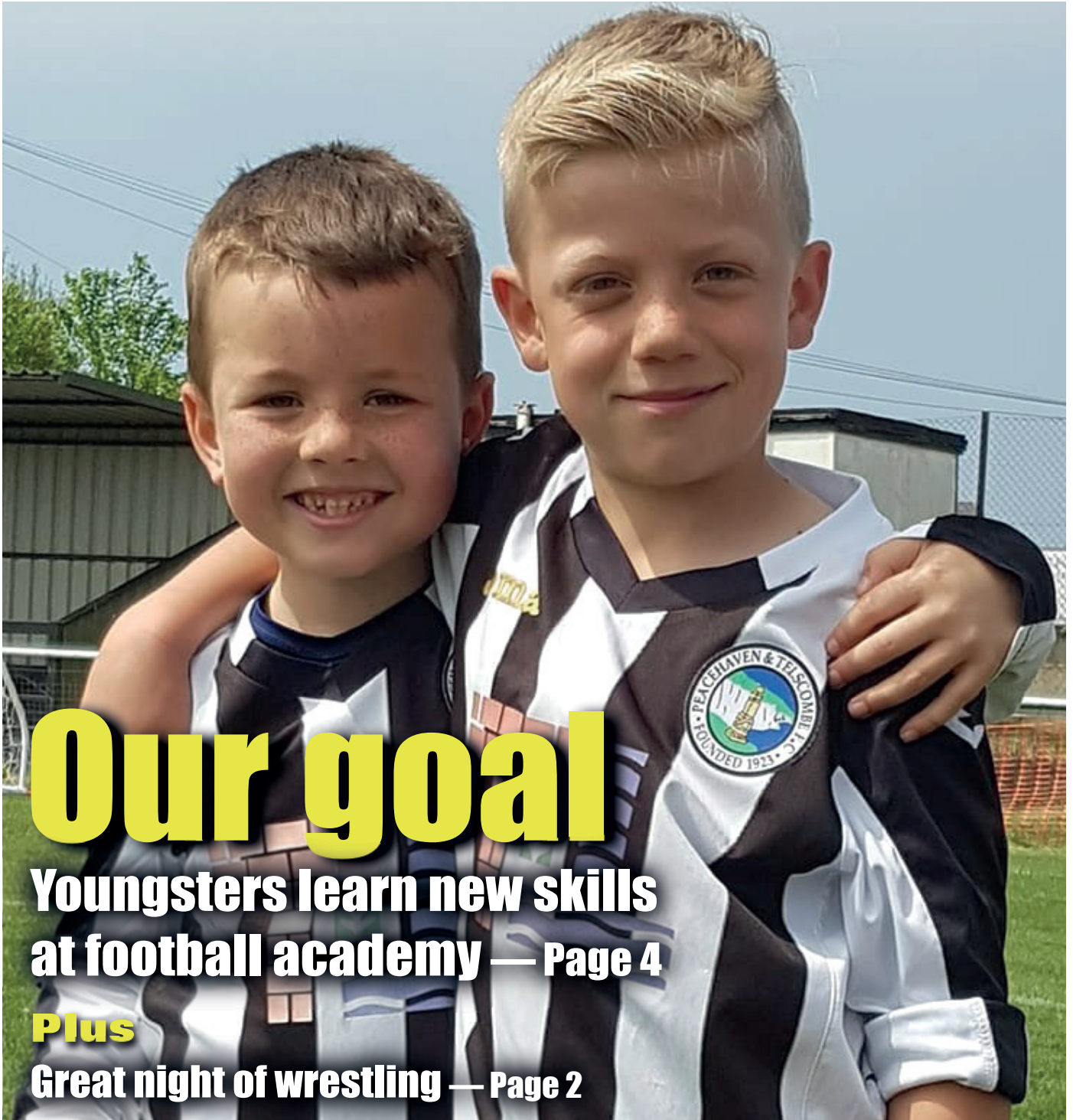


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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



Triple threat wrestling is coming to Peacehaven for the first time. The three-way contest, featuring a trio of top women, will be a main attraction at the big Saturday-night American Rumble spectacular being staged in aid of the Mayor's charities at the Meridian Centre on October 7.

Zan Phoenix, one of the UK's star up-and-coming performers, has taken up the open challenge thrown out by PWF champion Amazon and her controversial manager, "The Twisted Genius" Dean Ayass, prompting matchmakers Premier Promotions to declare the top-of-the-bill bout a triple threat affair.

Amazon was already due to clash with Zoe Lucas but now Ayass, who hails from Saltdean and makes no secret of his contempt for everything Peacehaven, has another problem.

"I have no doubt those other two will gang up on us even though they are supposed to be fighting each other as well as Amazon under the terms of the contest," roared Ayass.

He is unfazed by the prospect, however, and insists: "We will win."

Amazon, a London-based 6ft Jamaican globetrotter who has been in the ring with big names in America and Japan, is described by insiders

Here come the girls!



as "a mix of brawler and powerhouse".

Other stars booked to appear include "The Prince of Mumbai" Rishi Ghosh, "Dazzling" Darrell Allen and

local favourites Barry Cooper and Carl Brady.

The show is being sponsored by Aquarius Solutions and Future Guarding Solutions. Tickets

are available from the Information Office at £10 for adults and £9 for concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £36.

FROM THE MAYOR



I attended a barbecue at The Maples care home where staff and residents made me welcome, so thanks to them.

I did something I never thought possible at my age — I abseiled 115ft down the cliffs at Friars' Bay for my charity NSPCC Angels Walk. It was exciting and one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life.

My wife Sandra raised £387 in sponsorship for me. Thank you to everyone who supported me and to Dawn Paul and her team who made the event safe and possible.

Sandra, along with Sid and Shelia Eastman of Sussex Pet Rescue, helped to raise £160 at a Macmillan coffee morning

A passion of mine, which I hope will take off, is walking football. It is played at Newhaven football ground on Mondays from 6-7pm and is open to all ages.

For more details please contact me through the town council office.

This month I will be presenting prizes at Peacehaven Horticultural Society's awards evening. The society is proud of

what it achieves in the community and needs supporting.

Sandra and I visited Chestnut Tree House children's hospice at Arundel to see its splendid work.

Remember our autumn wrestling spectacular will be at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, October 7. Please come along to what should be an enjoyable evening.

Brian Gosling
Mayor of Peacehaven



Closer links forged with the emergency services

After a spectacularly busy September, with the trial run of the town council's emergency resilience plan, officers working through the night to support 150 evacuated residents, new emails and computer systems to get used to and hundreds of visitors to the council, the team is looking forward to a smoother and less demanding October.

The emergency services are now featuring heavily in the council's work day, said Town Manager Claire Lacey.

The police will soon move into their new office at Community House, an emergency telephone line is being installed in the Meridian Shopping Centre, there will be meetings with joint action partnerships and free training courses for residents are being arranged on topics such as road safety and mental health awareness.

The market at Community House is

picking up. Traders each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8.30am to 12.30pm sell fruit and vegetables, clothes, sweets, jewellery and other items. The council is urging residents to support them.

Watch for advertisements and posters for the Halloween special event appearing towards the middle of this month. Get your fangs and fancy dress out.

The council will be supporting C.A.T.S. after-school club when it opens its doors at new premises at the football club later this month. Read more on Page 6.

You can keep up to date with the council's latest news, events and competitions on its website www.peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk and get in touch if you have anything it is able to help you with by emailing info@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

Our thanks

The Mayor, Cllr Brian Gosling, and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Reg Farmiloe, are thanking the Red Cross, nursing staff, police, fire and ambulance services who supported residents through an emergency evacuation one evening last month. A fuel tank uncovered at a building site was initially feared to be a wartime bomb.

They said: "The care and warmth shown to vulnerable members of our community were outstanding and the generous offers of assistance from all areas of the region were greatly appreciated."

Christmas market

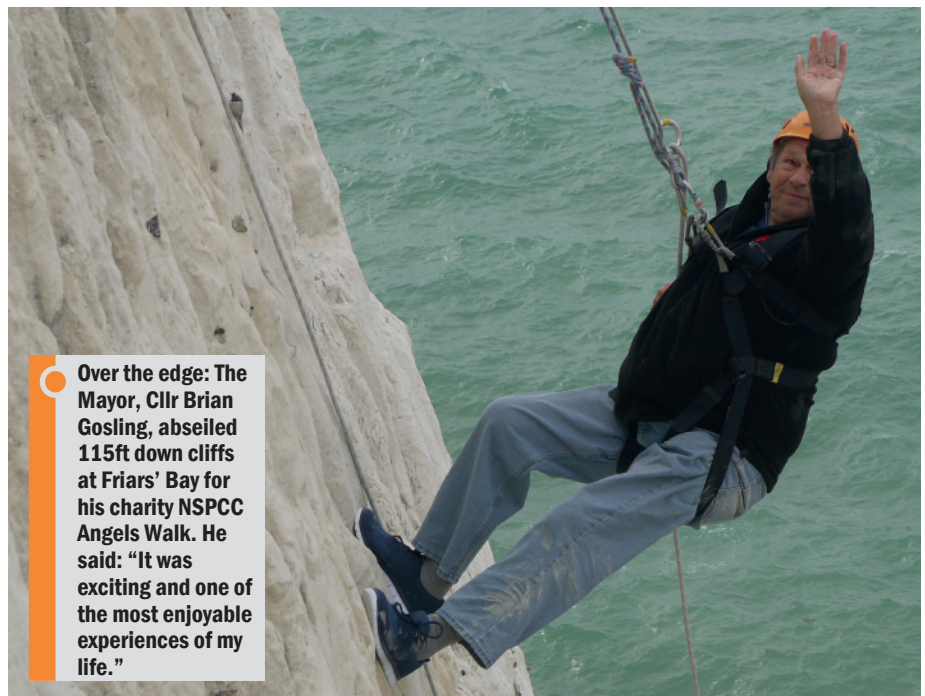
Peacehaven Christmas Market will take place on Saturday, December 16, at the Meridian Centre. Stalls are still available. Find out more from Karen on 01273 585493 Option 1. The annual carol concert will be on Friday, December 15. See next month's E-News for more details.

Students join in

The town's Task Force has been looking after the flower bed at Howard Park, cutting overgrown hedges on paths and teaching students from Peacehaven Community School at the Community Garden at The Oval how to grow fruit and vegetables.

Rooms you can hire

The town council has rooms suitable for parties, events and seminars for hire. Call the Information Office for details.



Over the edge: The Mayor, Cllr Brian Gosling, abseiled 115ft down cliffs at Friars' Bay for his charity NSPCC Angels Walk. He said: "It was exciting and one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life."



Academy of football

Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club has launched its own football academy for youngsters as part of its commitment to the community. Training will primarily be taken by two familiar faces at the club — UEFA B coach Tony Coade, who has been a regular face in and around the club for the past five and a half years, and first-team manager Mark Shutt. Sessions will be open to all ages and abilities and will cost £15 a month for each child.

Mark said: "This is a really exciting project. We will be offering additional training opportunities for youngsters in the community. The academy will run alongside the training they already receive from their age group managers. Tony and I will be providing a safe environment for the youngsters to develop their

existing skills and to learn new ones."

Steve Davies, the club's youth chairman, added: "What our academy will do is make sure that we are offering affordable extra training.

"We are aware an increasing number of our youth players have been invited to attend academies and development centres provided by multi-national companies to premier league club development centres.

"By launching our own academy, we will be able to provide the youth of the community with better value local and, arguably in many cases, better coaching than can be offered elsewhere."

Find out more from Steve at daviesss@aol.com

Our Page One picture shows Shay Wooller-Smith and George Thompsett.



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.

October

17 Planning and Highways

24 Council

November

7 Leisure and Amenities

14 Planning and Highways

21 Policy and Finance

28 Grants (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.

Peacehaven's councillor on East Sussex County Council: Nigel Enever, 01273 580399.



Showing at the town council's

cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, October 18, at 7.30pm will be Victoria and Abdul (PG). An unlikely friendship develops.



Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, October 11, at 2pm and Friday, October 13, at 7pm.



The traditional Remembrance memorial service will be held at

Peacehaven and Telscombe war memorial at Meridian Park in Peacehaven on Sunday, November 12, at 11am. Peacehaven and Telscombe town councils and the Royal British Legion are looking forward to seeing as many organisations and residents as possible attending the service to commemorate the war dead.

Suffragettes remembered

Next year is the centenary of women getting the vote and the town council will be marking this anniversary by organising a book of quotes, stories and memories from residents about this era and the suffragettes.

The council also wants residents to nominate a respected citizen who will receive an award during the Mayor's civic reception next April.

Emmeline Pankhurst's foundation of the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903 was the start of a radical phase in the fight to win the right to vote for

British women. The suffragettes engaged in a campaign of public protest, sometimes with violence and arson, and many were imprisoned. Several went on hunger strike.

One of them, Emily Davison, stepped in front of King George V's horse at the Epsom Derby in June 1913 and died from her injuries.

Although 2018 is the centenary, only women aged over 30 who also met a property qualification were initially given the right to vote. It took until 1928 for all women in Britain to be given equal voting rights with men.



Checks on lorries target the shortcut drivers

New signs warning lorry drivers about a weight restriction on the A259 between Newhaven and Brighton are being installed in a joint initiative by the town council and Peacehaven Focus Group.

And to encourage drivers to obey the rule, members of the group will be signing up for a community lorry watch to monitor vehicles using the South Coast Road as a through route.

Similar schemes all over the country have proved popular and effective.

The focus group campaigns about issues affecting Peacehaven and decided to set up a lorry watch after committee member Tom Goddard told the group about the other schemes.

The group approached Town Manager Claire Lacey and she contacted Sussex Police, who are backing the scheme.

HGV lorries flouting the 7.5-tonne weight restriction are using

the A259 as a through route, damaging the road, especially at Rushey Hill, and worsening pollution and congestion.

So far it has not been possible effectively to enforce the regulation, mainly due to a lack of signs advising drivers about it.

Heavy lorries delivering and loading in Peacehaven are not affected by the restriction.

Once the signs are up, the group hopes drivers of heavy lorries will use the prescribed route of A26/A27 and not take a short cut through Peacehaven.

The police will be training volunteers to identify possible offenders, collate dates and times and send them to the authorities for the appropriate action.

If you want to join the lorry watch, email peacehavenfocus@hotmail.com, go to the group's Facebook page or call the town council on 01273 585493.

FROM THE MP



It is an honour to serve the people of Peacehaven, the town where I started my career in youth work at The Joff. I take great pride in representing Peacehaven and have been championing various causes and issues that affect our community since being elected.

Obviously, a major concern for residents here is the recent spate of crime. This is an issue I take seriously, and have raised at various levels. I have written to The Argus newspaper to raise the profile of this issue on more than one occasion and I have also met with Town Manager Claire Lacey and the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, to come up with a range of solutions to the problems in Peacehaven. This includes expanding the police presence at the Meridian Centre, alongside community wardens and more thorough CCTV.

And I welcome the decision by the police to implement Operation Blitz in

the town. This will mean a return to bobbies and community officers on the beat on Friday and Saturday nights and a mobile number to get directly to the officer on call for residents. This is a start and part of the response to the amazing campaign from residents from all over Peacehaven to have helped to keep up the pressure to get our police back.

This will only work with your support and help and I hope this is the start of the police starting to put the Peace back into our lovely haven of a town.

Elsewhere, I welcome the delay of the Hoddern Farm housing development. I have consistently supported the appropriate infrastructure being in place before putting more pressure on local services and I am pleased Southern Water has made a stand on this.

I also warmly welcome that Lewes District Council will explore long-term solutions to the impact of traffic and air pollution on our roads through

applying for government grants.

Working alongside the organisers of The Big Petition, I am acutely aware of the issues surrounding the A259 and believe a full review is right and necessary to ensure our infrastructure and our roads, in particular, are best serving our community.

Finally, I would like to let all residents of Peacehaven know my door is always open. I will be running surgeries in Peacehaven every month and anyone is welcome to book an appointment. I want to be the most accessible MP for Peacehaven and the whole constituency and I look forward to meeting, working with, and supporting as many of you as possible.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

MP for Brighton Kemptown
and Peacehaven



Ahoy! Club's new home is the C.A.T.S. whiskers

An after-school club, with help from the town council, is almost ready to open its doors — in converted shipping containers. After C.A.T.S. Club lost its temporary home at the Meridian Centre the council worked hard to find it somewhere suitable for organised play schemes, games and activities for children all year round.

The new home is at Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club in Piddinghoe Avenue.

Once the council had agreed to lease the land, shipping containers were sourced and with the help of volunteers and staff they were welded together in one of the first schemes of its kind in the country. Patio doors, windows, kitchen fittings and flooring were given by building firms and the families who rely on the club to provide childcare to more than 40 young people.



Vital service: Brian and Vicky Phillips

Club owner Vicky Phillips said: "The club is a vital service in Peacehaven, being the largest early-years provider of after-school settings in East Sussex. We provide childcare places for children aged between four and 11 and we just want

them to enjoy coming here."

The containers have been made OFSTED-ready within a year. Their location is crucial, with parking on site and Centenary Park facilities nearby providing learning opportunities through play and access to the

archaeology site under construction.

The football club, a not-for-profit community club, has supported C.A.T.S. by offering to split the lease it has with the council with no financial gain. Both clubs are fundraising and the partnership is a great benefit to Peacehaven.

A council spokesperson said: "We are amazed by the hard work and determination with this project. We are so pleased to have C.A.T.S. in the town and we want to do what we can to support them."

Some work still needs to be done, including an access path and a higher fence.

The club is hoping a builder will offer to lay a small paved area and fix fencing to an existing wall to keep the area secure. Also needed is a new toilet cistern and children's garden furniture. If you can help, call Vicky on 07951878939.

The Citizens Advice consumer service helped people with 40,000 problems related to home maintenance and improvements last year. The most common jobs which caused problems were roofing, fitted kitchens, fitted windows and doors, plumbing, driveways, patios and decking.

People contacted the CA Consumer Service on 03454 040506 to know how to resolve home improvement problems.

When hiring a trader:

- Get references or recommendations and check if they are a member of a trade body.
- Get a written quote, not an

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estimate, and be clear about what the quote covers. A quote is legally binding and a trader cannot change it without a good reason.

- Get a written contract.
- Keep copies of receipts and your written contract as evidence, as well as photos of any problems.

When things go wrong:

- Ask the builders to fix the work if it is either not good or unfinished.

- Ask for some money back. Suggest a figure and explain why it is reasonable.

- Complain in writing to the trader or their company and check to see if they are a member of a trade association to see if it can help.

- Look for an approved alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme, an independent third party who can help you to reach a resolution.

- Consider taking them to county court but you will need to pay fees.

Contact your local CA on 03444 111 444. Or drop in, details of opening times are on the website www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk



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