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## Honoured

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*Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit*





## The names that will never be forgotten

The traditional annual Remembrance service will be held at Peacehaven and Telscombe war memorial at Meridian Park in Peacehaven on Sunday, November 12.

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.

A parade will muster at The Joff car park area at 9am and will march to the memorial at 10.30am.

The first part of the service

will start with the welcome as soon as the parade arrives. The reading of war heroes' names will be followed by the Exhortation.

A bugler will sound Last Post and the Royal British Legion standards will dip.

As the notes fade away a maroon will be launched to signal the start of the two-minute silence at 11am and the towns will join the rest of the nation in paying respects.

Then a second maroon will be launched and as the bugler sounds Reveille the standards will be raised.

The Kohima Epitaph,

*When You Go Home Tell Them Of Us . . .*, will be read, followed by the traditional laying of wreaths by the councils and organisations.

The Rev Tim Mills, vicar of Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs, will lead prayers.

Peacehaven Town Council will be opening its doors for refreshments afterwards at Community House. There will be the option to stay to watch the film Charlie's Letters by local director Elliott Hasler about his great-grandfather Charlie Standing's experiences in the Second World War.

## Plaque tribute to Daniel

A new plaque on Peacehaven and Telscombe war memorial honours Private Daniel Prior, 27, who died in England in 2011 two days after being wounded in Afghanistan.

Although Private Prior, of 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment, lived in Colchester with his wife Emily and their newborn son Logan, his hometown was Peacehaven.

Private Prior was fatally injured by an improvised explosive device while on patrol in Helmand province.

His name is the first to be carved on the new tablet, given by Peacehaven branch of Co-op Funeralcare

The town council has wanted Daniel's name to be more prominent for some years but was unable to fund the project.

A spokesperson said: "We are grateful to Rachel Ford, the funeral director at Peacehaven, for requesting the grant from her company to give the plaque to the town."

A dedication ceremony was led by the Rev. Tim Mills, vicar of Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs.

Pictured with Rachel on our front page is Jackie Fuller.



## LEGAL EAGLE

with Lawson Lewis Blakers

### If you suffer a relationship breakdown...

The ending of a relationship can be a traumatic time. It's important to give yourself time to gather your thoughts and emotions. It can be useful to take advice. We can assist with:

- How to help your children through the process.
- To consider whether short-term protection is necessary – e.g. to safeguard assets or your physical safety.
- Arrangements for children.
- Managing the financial consequences such as sharing assets, maximising income – e.g. welfare benefits, issues of maintenance, child support and the potential taxation consequences.
- How to approach issues to secure the best and most cost-effective outcome – mediation, negotiation or court application.
- A review of life planning – e.g. your will.

**Jeremy Sogno, a member of the Law Society Advanced Family Law Panel, will be pleased to advise. Please telephone 01273 582680 or email [sogno@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk](mailto:sogno@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk) for a free half-hour appointment.**



All smiles: Dawn Paul in Brazil

# Crocs away! I've swum in the Amazon

**Dawn Paul, who chairs Brighton area NSPC Volunteers, writes about her fund-raising adventure to Brazil. Text Angels to 70744 to donate the cost of one call to Childline or visit [www.justgiving.com/theunstoppableDawnPaul](http://www.justgiving.com/theunstoppableDawnPaul)**

As I precariously climbed into my already-wet hammock that first night I already had begun to realise there was more to this challenge than I had thought. The fact the word "survival" was in the title should have rung alarm bells but here I was nearly 8,500 miles from home, somewhere in the rainforest of Brazil.

As I lay there, trying not to move for fear of falling out and wondering how I was going to get any sleep at all, I became aware of the jungle sounds around me, especially loud splashing of crocodiles catching their suppers in the river about 30 feet from my hammock.

I fell into an uncomfortable

sleep only to wake a few hours later. It was only 12.30am, I had another five hours to get through.

Finally, darkness began to turn to light and my friend Tracy said we could go for a swim in the river.

I could not resist as I was so hot and sweaty even though it was only 7am. I gave no thought to what I was sharing the river with and my fear of deep water had to be overcome as I felt the wonderful feeling of warm water surround me.

Wow, I had just swum in the Amazon. What a fantastic way to start the day and now I was ready to face whatever the next four days would bring.



## A bin now, not boxes

Lewes District Council is making it simpler and quicker for residents to recycle by introducing one wheelie bin for the paper, cans, plastics, cardboard and glass that people currently sort into two plastic boxes and two bags.

The new service will be introduced in Peacehaven from this month. People should keep putting out their current containers on their usual collection day until they are taken away by council teams when they deliver the new bins.

The weekly refuse and fortnightly recycling days will remain the same when the new service is introduced.

The council will continue to collect food waste and garden waste as it currently does.

Assisted collections are available to anyone who needs help putting out their bins.

You can find out more at [www.lewes.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/recycling)





Students from Peacehaven Community School have been working with Peacehaven Task Force as part of their Life Skills Learning Plan.

They are going to the Community Garden at The Oval every fortnight to learn how to plant and grow their own food and how to tend other plants.

## TASK FORCE

Everyone is welcome at the garden so come along if you want to help with planting or harvesting or need

gardening advice. Vegetables and fruit have been harvested from the garden and work is continuing at Howard Park to ensure the town has a peaceful place for contemplation and remembrance.

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



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.

### November

- 7 Leisure and Amenities
- 14 Planning and Highways
- 21 Policy and Finance
- 28 Grants (2pm)

### December

- 12 Planning and Highways



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.



Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, November 3, at 7pm and Wednesday, November 15, at 2pm.



The next town council general knowledge quiz night will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, November 10. Book a table, maximum eight people, at £2 a person on 01273 585493.

## FROM THE MAYOR



My wife Sandra and I have been working with great enthusiasm to support our charities. Following a visit to Chestnut Tree House children's hospice at Arundel we were enthused and encouraged by the sense of calm within the whole building.

The American Rumble wrestling event was a great success. Thanks to Aquarius Solutions and Future Guarding Solutions for sponsoring the evening. Grappling fans want more so a further event has been pencilled in for March 24.

Sandra and I hope residents and friends will join us at the war memorial in Peacehaven on Sunday, November 12, for the annual Remembrance service.

We attended the unveiling of a new plaque at the memorial honouring Private Daniel

Prior, who died in 2011 after being wounded in Afghanistan. Thank you to Peacehaven branch of Co-op Funeralcare for the gift of the carved plaque from its parent company.

Our next quiz night will be on Friday, November 10. It is always a popular event with Town Crier Jon Borthwick setting the questions so hurry up and enter your team.

Christmas is not too far away so remember our carol concert will be on Friday, December 15, and the Christmas market will be at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, December 16. Read more about our events on Page 5.

*Brian Gosling*

Mayor of Peacehaven

**Lewes District Council's housing department will reinstate its free advice service at the town council offices in Community House from Monday, November 6, by appointment. The town council is thanking the district council, particularly Cllr Ron Maskell, who intervened on its behalf, for reinstating this valuable service. Cllr Maskell said: "The housing team has been sympathetic and worked promptly to bring this matter to a positive conclusion, for the long-term benefit of Peacehaven."**



## Enjoy a cracker of a Christmas

Peacehaven Town Council Christmas events will be on Friday, December 15, and Saturday, December 16.

The community carol concert on the Friday at 6pm will be supported by local churches and has a packed programme. Meridian and Peacehaven Heights schools will perform alongside soloists and Haven Guitar Club.

Town Crier Jon Borthwick will compere the event.

Tickets will be available from the Information Office from Friday, November 24, but are limited to two per person.

The event is free but donations will be welcome to help towards a Christmas Day meal, organised by the churches, at Coffee Haven for up to 15 residents who would otherwise be on their own. The town council is again organising a Christmas market in

Community House and the Meridian Mall in aid of the Mayor's charities

This will take place on the Saturday from 9am to 4pm. Father Christmas will be in his grotto to talk to his little visitors.

The managing agent for the Meridian Centre, Hartnall Taylor Cooke, has agreed the market can be extended this year and has been generous in helping to pay for decorations and improvements in the mall. For further enquiries about these two events call 01273 585493.



Peacehaven is a favourite with film and media companies and they bring extra income to the town. The Zero Degrees Skate Park at Centenary Park was chosen for a photoshoot by Living, the monthly design and lifestyle magazine of Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera.

Shine TV commissioned part of the play area in the park to film scenes for the next series of survival show The Island with Bear Grylls.



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, November 22, at 7.30pm will be My Cousin Rachel (12A), a mystery thriller based on a 1951 Daphne du Maurier novel about a man plotting revenge on his late cousin's wife.

After October's film, Victoria & Abdul, was a sell-out the town council is urging people to buy tickets early to avoid disappointment.



## FROM THE MP

As always, I have tried to be active in Peacehaven and it has been a real pleasure to attend community events. I took part in the Angels Abseil, where — with some trepidation — I scaled down Peacehaven cliffs in a fantastic charity event for the NSPCC. I also enjoyed a tour of Peacehaven Community School. I find it important to visit schools to hear about the challenges and progress from teachers and parents, and I also believe it is great when children and students can meet their MP.

I was made to feel welcome at The Deans Senior Tea Club by the friendly residents who attend weekly. I also went on a drive-along with the local police in Peacehaven. I am really proud of the progress we are making in

addressing anti-social behaviour and crime with Operation Blitz coming into force and I was reassured by the police they will have a more consistent and visible presence in Peacehaven.

Recently Lewes MP Maria Caulfield and I put out a joint press release calling for a traffic survey for the A259. With traffic levels being so high and with the prospect of further housing developments, we think it reasonable to ask for a survey to study the levels of traffic and pollution residents are facing and take action accordingly.

I discussed this with Peacehaven Residents Association and we are working with councils, resident groups and the organisers of The Big Petition to that end.

In Westminster, I have been working to continue to represent local people trying to make the Universal Credit roll-out work and secure the local education funding we need.

I will be running regular surgeries in Peacehaven by appointment and I would encourage anyone to feel welcome to come and discuss issues they are facing. Please do feel free to get in touch at [lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk](mailto:lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk) or 01273 550121 to book.

*Lloyd Russell-Moyle*

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven





Boo the villain and cheer the lovers at *Beauty And The Beast*, this year's panto presented by Peacehaven Players.

The show will be at the Meridian Centre on December 6, 7 and 8 at 7.30pm and December 9 at 2pm and 6pm.

The Players are promising a stunning performance with songs beautifully sung and dances gracefully stepped. The Dame



finds her man. The villain gets her comeuppance. The horse gets a drink. True love wins through and Belle will see the beauty that is within the beast.

Tickets cost from £9 but there are group booking deals. Tickets can be bought from the Information Office, Telscombe Civic Centre or online without a booking fee at [www.peacehavenplayers.co.uk](http://www.peacehavenplayers.co.uk)

## Fears over our eroding coastline

By Mike Gatti, committee member, Peacehaven Focus Group

Peacehaven and Saltdean continue to suffer the effects of coastal erosion, with ever more frequent recent rock falls. Vivian Carrick, secretary of the focus group, which campaigns about issues affecting the town, has been lobbying Lewes District Council for more than 18 months.

The focus group wants repairs to groynes 18 and 19 at Peacehaven and sea defences installed on the undefended parts of the coastline from East Saltdean to Telscombe Cliffs because the A259 road is near the cliff edge. The group has been surprised to read in the press that groyne 19 is to be repaired at a cost of £80,000. In June, the district

council, in association with Mott MacDonald consultants, presented its Coastal Implementation Plan, a survey and report into the coastline between Brighton Marina and Newhaven.

The plan made recommendations about possible solutions to coastal erosion. It had appeared to favour the removal of groyne 19, so news of the repairs will be welcome to residents who would be affected.

The focus group is urging people to find out more about coastal erosion and read the survey. Here is a web link: [www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/Brighton\\_Marina\\_to\\_Newhaven\\_BNCP/IP\\_Local\\_Community\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/Brighton_Marina_to_Newhaven_BNCP/IP_Local_Community_Summary.pdf)

## Pitch perfect

Peacehaven Town Council's ground maintenance team has been working hard and its efforts on parks and pitches have paid off. Peacehaven & Telscombe FC are fighting at the top end of the Southern Combination Premier League and playing great football.

As the days get shorter and the weather colder the ground team has been preparing Centenary Park for winter. The park is open every day with the Gateway café serving hot food.

See town council noticeboards for details of autumn and winter events in the parks and gardens.

● The newly converted police room at Community House should be complete this month.

Citizens Advice's comparison tool can help people looking to get a better deal on gas and electricity bills to compare prices and customer service.

CA has published its latest energy supplier customer service ratings, which give the 18 largest energy suppliers a rating out of five stars for customer service.

The rating is calculated from a combination of factors including how complaints are dealt with and how highly customers rate the supplier's customer service.

CA's online price comparison tool allows consumers to compare the cheapest gas and electricity tariffs

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available on the market alongside how well companies treat their customers.

More than 350,000 people visited the comparison tool website in the year up to August, with a record 46,000 people using the tool in August.

CA's comparison tool is one of the only price comparison tools that displays all deals available across the

energy market as default. Changes to regulation mean comparison websites are no longer required to show deals across the whole market. This means switching sites can display only a portion of available deals.

Anyone looking to compare energy deals can look online at [www.energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk)

Anyone looking to save money on their energy bills can also call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

Contact your local CA on 03444 111 444. Or drop in, details of opening times are on the website [www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk)



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