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## Carols of joy and Christmas cheer

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 comper the event. Tickets are available from the Information Office but are limited to two per person.

The event is free but donations will be welcome to support the Mayor's four charities.

A Christmas Day meal organised by the Church of the Ascension will be held at Coffee Haven for up to 15 residents who would have been

on their own. Claire Doolan, the café owner, will be donating the food.

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 3pm. 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, has arranged for the town council to use an empty shop for Santa's grotto and has been generous in helping to pay for decorations and improvements in the mall. For enquiries about these events call 01273 585493.



**The Mayor, town councillors and council officers wish all residents a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year**

Thousands of Christmas lights and two model villages will be bringing the festive spirit to Woodlands Close.

Paralympian Simon Munn was due to switch on the display at the home of Andi Claydon and Trevor Moppett. Simon, who lives in Peacehaven, won bronze in Rio with the wheelchair basketball team.

Andi and Trevor have been decorating their home for charity for several years, installing more and more lights, and spent about 400 hours last month building the villages and putting up lights. Money raised this December will go to Raystede animal welfare centre at Ringmer.

The lights will be on every day from 4.30pm to 10pm until January 1.



**The Mayor, Cllr Brian Gosling, and his wife Sandra were among the visitors to see the model villages and lights**

## Beat the 'pressie' thieves

By PCSO Chris Marchant

As we are now approaching the festive season do consider home safety. Obviously, displaying valuable items is probably not a good idea. Presents under a tree can be tempting and put your property and potentially your Christmas at risk.

Keep things out of sight or literally "under wraps". Keep curtains or blinds closed to stop prying eyes and make sure expensive items that have serial numbers have been recorded. In the unfortunate event of a crime this could help police to catch the culprits.

Do not tell everyone when you will be in or out and perhaps even automatic lights would be of benefit as they can give the impression that your property is occupied. Keep doors and windows locked and remain vigilant.

Look out for your neighbours, particularly if they are elderly and the weather worsens.

Most of us will have a trouble-free Christmas if we follow a few simple common sense steps. Merry Christmas to you all.





## LEGAL EAGLE

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### Key things to consider for your will

Almost 60 per cent of us have no will. If this is you, and you:

- Are unmarried and have a partner, on death your partner will not automatically receive anything under the intestacy rules.
- Are in a "second marriage", you could prejudice the children of your previous relationship. A well-worded will could protect your spouse or partner and your children.
- Have children who are under 18, you will need to appoint trustees to manage your estate until your children attain 18. You can nominate chosen trustees in a will.
- Have no partner or children you can direct the distribution of your estate to friends or good causes.
- Preparing a will is a chance to review your affairs to consider tax planning, your funeral arrangements, etc.

Our charges for a will start from £210, including VAT.

Contact Sarah Barry at Lawson Lewis Blakers for advice. Telephone 01273 582680 or email her at [sarah.barry@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk](mailto:sarah.barry@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk)

# Over 17,000 sign up to get A259 action

By Mike Gatti, committee member, Peacehaven Focus Group

More than 17,000 people signed The Big Petition, a joint initiative between Peacehaven Focus Group and other residents' groups along the A259 coast road.

The petition calls for action by the three councils in this area who are concerned with the road.

Brighton & Hove City Council, Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council were asked to carry out a joint traffic evaluation and an economic impact study on detrimental effects caused by severe traffic congestion.

They were also asked to tell residents the findings and advise what road infrastructure improvements would be required before any more homes are built.

There are a total of 17,045 signatures on the petition:

- Brighton & Hove City Council, 5,460
- Lewes District Council, 4,462
- East Sussex County Council, 7,123.

Brighton & Hove City Council debated the petition in April and passed it to a committee, which met in June and voted for a more detailed investigation.

Lewes District Council debated the petition in July and passed it to a scrutiny committee to investigate and gather evidence.

East Sussex County Council debated the petition in October. Disappointingly, says Peacehaven Focus Group, which campaigns on issues affecting residents, it was decided not to grant the petitioners' requests. It was agreed to continue to monitor traffic on the A259 and to work with the other councils to introduce planned interventions as outlined in the area's Local Plan.

## FROM THE MAYOR



We are fast approaching the festive season with a busy time for my wife Sandra and myself. We are pleased to have been invited to carol concerts and also lunches with organisations in the town and neighbouring area.

We had the honour of meeting the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Peter Field, when he was in Peacehaven to present the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to motorcycle riders from across Sussex who volunteer to courier urgent and emergency medical items, including blood and test results, between hospitals.

We were delighted the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Maureen Chowen, accepted our invitation to visit the Gateway Café in Centenary Park. We were able to introduce her to representatives of the charities we are supporting this year.

We are looking forward to Beauty And The Beast, this year's panto by Peacehaven Players, and the town's community carol concert and the giant Christmas market.

On Christmas Day we will be helping to serve lunch to people who would otherwise have been on their own.

On Friday, January 19, Sandra will be hosting a sale of unwanted gifts and clothing to help my charities. If you have items to donate, please drop them into the Information Office during the week commencing Monday, January 15.

We both wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy new year and thank you for your continued support.

*Brian Gosling*  
Mayor of Peacehaven



The town council's new business admin apprentice is Matt Gunn. He has joined the council after finishing courses in business studies, psychology and physical education at Brighton, Hove & Sussex Sixth Form College. In Matt's free time he enjoys football, supporting Brighton

& Hove Albion and playing centre back for Lewes FC. His work at the council will contribute towards his apprenticeship course and he will be editing and uploading documents to the website and social media platforms.



## Suited and booted — but only if you will help

Peacehaven Task Force has been harvesting produce from the town's parks and gardens. It has also planted 105 baby trees, or whips, at Howard Park as part of its plans to keep this well-loved park looking its best.

As reported in E-News, the team has been working closely with students from Peacehaven Community School.

The students have built facilities including special composting bins and have learned about soil structure.

They have sown cabbages, broad beans and many other plants ready for the new year.

But as the weather

worsens the youngsters could do with help from residents and firms.

They desperately need boiler suits, gloves, boots or any other suitable clothing. If you are able to help, contact Campbell McBryer at the town council on 01273 585493.



Call Mr McBryer, too, if you would like to volunteer to join the Task Force.

Team leader Gary Johnson needs as many volunteers as he can get during the winter season.

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.

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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.

Boozy bingo with refreshments will be at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, December 20, at 2pm.

The town's branch of the Royal British Legion is thanking all in Peacehaven who gave to the Poppy Appeal — a total of £7,300 was raised.

Sussex honey and locally produced eggs are on sale at the Information Office. Honey is £6.50 for a large jar and £3.50 for a small one. Eggs are 80p for a box of six.

Stay warm, healthy and safe this winter. The special Winter Warmer Extra edition of our E-News is full of good advice. **Just click here**

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## Christmas closing

The town council offices and the Information Office will close for Christmas and the new year on Friday, December 22, at 2pm and reopen on Wednesday, January 3, at 9am.

Maintenance throughout Community House will be carried out until Monday, January 15, when the building will open again to the public and hirers.

The Information Office will not be collecting Christmas cards in January. They should be put in your recycling bin.



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on

**Wednesday, December 13, at 7.30pm will be Hampstead (12A). An American widow finds unexpected love with a man living wild on Hampstead Heath.**



Don't risk a mess. Bin it, not flush it

Last year in Sussex residents experienced 6,740 sewer blockages. Nearly two-thirds were preventable, caused by flushing unflushable items like wipes and tampons down toilets, or washing fat, oil and grease down kitchen sinks.

Southern Water teams have been in Peacehaven to provide information and freebies to customers and food businesses.

Over two days, they spoke to 400 customers and lifted more than 100 manhole covers — finding evidence of wipes and unflushables in a quarter of them.

The teams also visited more than 30 food businesses, checking on kitchen grease management.

It was all part of a joint campaign by Southern Water and the Consumer Council for Water to fight The Unflushables, which helps customers to understand the impact of internal sewage flooding.

Putting the wrong things down toilets and sinks can build up to create blockages and horrible mess. But it is not difficult to help prevent. Simply put all unflushable items in the bin instead of down the toilet.

## A derby day with the neighbours

Football fans love a local derby, especially when it is at home on Boxing Day. This season the Boxing Day visitors to Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club's Unibet Arena are local rivals Saltdean Utd.

Saltdean were promoted from the Southern Counties Combination League Division One last season and this season are flying high in the Premier League. For most of this season, both Peacehaven and Saltdean have been in the top six in the league with Saltdean currently holding bragging rights, having beaten Peacehaven & Telscombe 2-1 in October in a cup game. Also adding spice to the game will be several former Peacehaven players now with Saltdean.

Boxing Day football is a tradition among fans and



On the ball: Action from last year

always produces a sense of excitement and anticipation.

At last season's festive game against Newhaven more than 400 supporters created a brilliant atmosphere at the Unibet Arena. Bring along friends or relatives to the game and introduce them to the friendly hospitality that Peacehaven

& Telscombe Community Football Club extends to everyone.

The clubhouse, bar and snack bar will be open and Christmas jumpers and hats are not only permitted but are encouraged.

You can hire the club's clubhouse from £150 by calling 01273 582471.

## FROM THE MP



My regular Peacehaven advice surgeries are up and running. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, I am holding them at the Meridian Centre. I do encourage you to contact my office and book an appointment if you have any issues you wish to raise with me. Email me at [lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk](mailto:lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk) or call 01273 550121.

At my first Peacehaven surgery I was pleased to meet residents and address their concerns.

It was also a humbling moment to lead the two-minute Remembrance silence in the Meridian Centre at 11 o'clock that Saturday, when we paid our respects to all those that

have paid the ultimate price in service to our country.

I am looking forward to attending Peacehaven Players' production of Beauty And The Beast — I always enjoy supporting our local arts groups.

I hope you all have a happy Christmas.

*Lloyd Russell-Moyle*

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven



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