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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



By Claire Lacey, Town Manager

Happy New Year to everyone in Peacehaven. We hope you have enjoyed the festivities over the holiday and are looking forward to 2018 as much as we are.

The town council has had a busy year with policy writing, performance assessment and future planning to support the natural growth of our town.

Projects for 2017 were costly, both financially and in terms of reputation. We acknowledge we had seasonal issues with antisocial behaviour from a few less considerate individuals, we began initial repairs to the water leak at Centenary Park and we dealt with flooding in one of our community buildings — those we trust are in the past.

From this month we have a number of exciting projects due to commence. These will be more positive, more visible and we trust appreciated by you all.

We have pledged to continue to improve and maintain the facilities in some of our beautiful parks, to provide new swings and play equipment, to install new seating for those who want to relax and appreciate our beautiful views and we are implementing our Active Peacehaven campaign.

We are working with a number of partners to support residents to keep



healthy, focusing on health and wellbeing, as well as providing additional resource for the GP surgeries, community groups and charities.

We hope you will support the fitness sessions run by a personal trainer, come along to the new cycle hub, try out the skatepark and have fun in our upcoming forest school.

Community House at the Meridian Centre is receiving a makeover, starting with much-needed structural repairs

and more comfortable seating in the community café. This goes from strength to strength and we hope you will continue to support our markets and charities who raise much-needed funds here. Room hire charges are cost-effective and we do not intend to increase them for 2018.

We will be running various events in partnership with the Meridian Shopping Centre, starting in January with a bric-a-brac and jumble sale, followed by a flower show, fashion showcase and revisiting our successful careers fair.

We are in the process of running public competitions and consultations to ask residents where they feel would most benefit from improved facilities.

We hope this will feed into the coming year's plans for developing the services and amenities our residents really want in the town.

We have such a supportive network of volunteers in Peacehaven, not just the newly established charity Task Force but our own community garden, a Peacehaven community orchard, a horticultural society, Peacehaven bees, tea clubs, music and other fun activities.

We intend those to develop and grow, to encourage more members of the community to join in and truly feel part of what the town has to offer.

Finally, our plans for a hub building will be revealed. This year is definitely going to be a year of achievement, of community and fun. We look forward to working with you.

FROM THE MAYOR



My wife Sandra and I wish you all a healthy new year.

Sandra will be hosting a sale of unwanted gifts and clothing to help my charities in the Meridian Centre Mall on Friday, January 19, from 9am to noon. If you have items to donate, please drop them into the Information Office during the week starting Monday, January 15.

Bingo will be on the evening of Friday, January 19, and then on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 24.

This will be a big year for celebrations. February 6 marks the centenary of the Representation of the People Act in which all men over 21 and

all women householders over 30 were granted the vote. Sandra has researched this piece of history in great detail and is asking for anyone who has family memories about the events 100 years ago to get in touch. The Happy Quilters group are making a collage to display in the Copper Room at Community House to mark this occasion.

In connection with this anniversary and the Suffragette movement that campaigned for votes for women, Sandra and I are seeking nominations for a Peacehaven resident to receive the Mayor's

Community Award for Volunteering. This prestigious award will go to someone who has given time and energy voluntarily to benefit the community or an organisation.

For further details and a nomination form please contact my Civic Officer, Deborah Donovan. Presentations will take place at a reception to mark the end of my mayoral year on Friday, April 27.

Brian Gosling
Mayor of Peacehaven



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Doug Williams, arguably the biggest name in UK wrestling in the last two decades, is swapping the rings of America and Japan for Peacehaven's Meridian Centre.

The globe-trotting superstar is lined up to appear on the next grappling spectacular in aid of the mayor's charities on Saturday, March 24.

John Freemantle, boss of Premier Promotions, which presents the Meridian shows, said: "Williams has wrestled in the most amazing arenas in the world and beaten the best wrestlers in the world."

Tickets for the show are available from the Information Office, telephone 01273 585493, priced at £10 for adults and £9 for concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £36.

● Doug will be holding a training seminar during the afternoon of March 24. To enquire about booking for the two-hour session, which costs £20, or to attend as a spectator for £5, with a valid ticket for the evening show, email wrestling@premier-promotions.co.uk

Just the place to meet the police

The new police room at Community House in the Meridian Centre has been used for the first time, with members of the public dropping in for a chat at the police surgery.

Inspector Simon Burroughs and PCSOs Perry Hart and Chris Marchant were pleased to see so many people stopping by.

They hope to be able to hold drop-ins regularly as this first occasion proved to be such a success.

Drop-in dates and times will be announced through the town council's media platforms.

You can report crime and incidents online at www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline

Our Page One picture shows PCSO Marchant receiving the keys to the newly refurbished police room from Campbell McBryer, the town council's Leisure and Amenities Manager.



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, January 24, at 7.30pm will be Dunkirk (12A). Acclaimed and on an epic scale, the evacuation of Allied troops in the "little boats".

Grants for small charities

Sussex Community Foundation makes grants to small charities and community groups. Its next deadlines for grant applications are Friday, January 12, and Friday, May 4.

Since 2006 the foundation has given more than £12 million to smaller charities and community groups. Find out more at www.sussexgiving.org.uk



Delight as 450 new homes put on hold

By Mike Gatti, committee member, Peacehaven Focus Group

Peacehaven Focus Group is pleased a plan to build 450 homes at Lower Hoddern Farm has been deferred. The group, which campaigns about issues affecting residents, hopes district and county councillors will now be prompted to find what it considers to be proper solutions to the problem of traffic congestion on the A259.

More than 200 residents attended a meeting at Community House in Peacehaven to make their views known to Lewes District Council Planning Committee.

A recommendation from planning officers to approve the project was voted down by four votes to two.

A second proposal to defer a decision until East Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council

and Brighton & Hove Buses look to improve their transport plan for the coast road was agreed by five votes to two.

Looking ahead to 2018, among the key issues for the focus group is coastal erosion, ongoing from last year in as much as the district council has its coastal management implementation scheme to keep residents informed about the condition of the coastline between Brighton Marina and Newhaven.

The focus group believes more public consultation events will be held this year to explain the problems faced and possible solutions.

The group will attend any meetings and report back to members and is encouraging residents to attend.

The Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood

Plan began in earnest in 2017. Initial meetings were held with interested community groups, councillors, etc.

It is hoped this will take off in 2018 and members of the focus group will be active in this.

Many of you will recall The Big Petition that was signed by more than 17,000 residents.

It requested the three councils concerned with the A259 coast road carry out a robust traffic survey and an economic impact study.

The focus group was disappointed that East Sussex County Council did not support the petition but is encouraged to learn the three authorities will work together to find solutions to the problems on the A259.



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.

It's cold out there, so be ready for the winter weather



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](#)

The UK's gas and electricity supply is more reliable than ever before but severe winter weather can still cause damage and disruption.

Here are steps you can take to be prepared in case you have a power cut or gas emergency:

- Know your free emergency numbers. In a power cut dial 105 or for a gas emergency dial 0800 111999.
- Prepare your home. Keep a torch handy and have your appliances serviced by a Gas

Safe-registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Register as a vulnerable customer. Vulnerable households can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register. Follow this [link](#) to find out more about the register or to sign up.
- Keep your eyes open. Watch the weather forecasts and if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours.



Pitch in if you can help the club



The town council's office and the Information Office will reopen for council officers only on Wednesday, January 3. Yearly building maintenance will be carried out during the time until Monday, January 15, when Community House will open again to the public.

Sussex Pet Rescue will return that day to run its coffee morning from 9am to noon.

Normal mini-markets return to the centre from Tuesday, January 16, and the first charity market on Saturday, January 20, will be organised by the UKIP group.



Peacehaven Task Force has been out on its Big Clearance. The volunteer team has been working in alleyways and overgrown areas to help keep them clear, beating back weeds to improve the appearance of the town and allowing access, especially for the elderly and disabled.



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



Keep up to date online with Lewes District Council at www.lewes.gov.uk and with East Sussex County Council at www.eastsussex.gov.uk



The town council's grounds team is introducing a new drainage system at Centenary Park to try to keep paths open for everyone to use.

The team is also working hard maintaining football pitches and keeping clean the town's parks and gardens.

FROM THE MP



I have tried as always to be as active and as visible in Peacehaven and Telscombe as possible in recent weeks.

I recently met with the chief executive of the Co-operative Group and asked him to visit the Meridian Centre and help transform it into a more vibrant centre for people to come to shop and enjoy.

I am pleased to report he has agreed to meet with us in the new year.

I have also been running my regular surgeries in Peacehaven twice a month and

it has been a pleasure to meet so many residents and support them where I can. Feel free to contact my office to book an appointment either by email at lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk or by calling 01273 550121.

Wishing you all Happy New Year!

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven



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