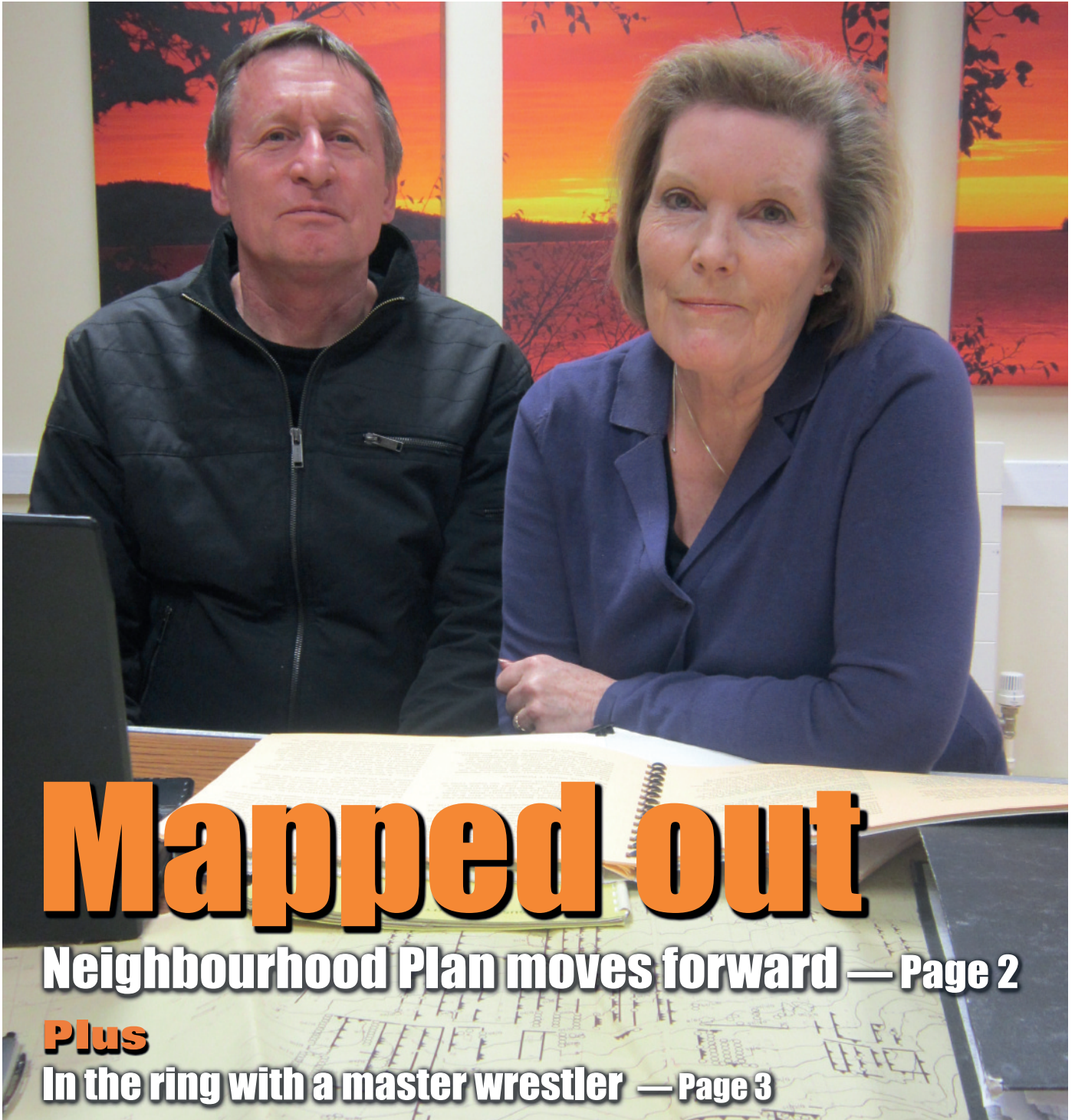


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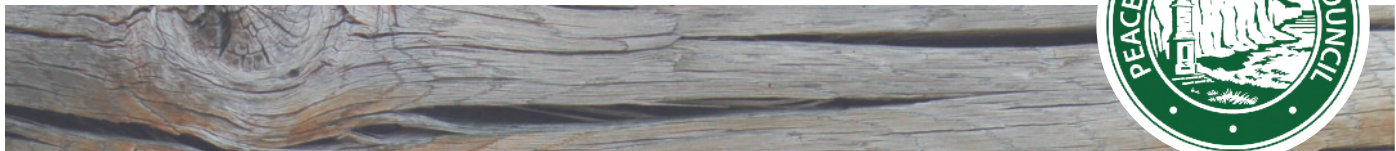
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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



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. For some North ward residents the county councillor is Andy Smith, 01273 584483.



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, February 21, at 7.30pm will be Paddington 2 (PG). The little bear from darkest Peru is back for more adventures.



Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, February 16, at 7pm and Wednesday, February 21, at 2pm.

By Claire Lacey, Town Manager

February is looking busy with many new projects on the horizon. This is the most nerve-racking part of the year for the town council, discussing how to deliver the best possible services with limited funds.

The council has a positive outlook for the year ahead. The Leisure and Amenities Committee has committed to providing a personal trainer in the outside gym. We are working closely with doctors' surgeries to ensure every resident, regardless of physical ability or disability, has access to amenities and can keep fit or get fit. As a no-cost service to residents, it will be well publicised.

The council is hosting regular surgeries with Lewes district policing teams. These have proved successful but we have yet to secure an evening or weekend surgery. We are working on it. A police telephone will be installed in the Meridian Centre this month.

Our marketing team is promoting many more events this year in Community House and in partnership with the shopping centre.

Later this month we will be conducting our

first consultation of the year, asking residents to come up with branding for the town's new cycle club. Every age group is welcome to come along to see the new specially adapted bikes, to find out about activities this summer and — most importantly — to submit a name, draw a logo and perhaps win a prize.

The council is supporting residents to deliver the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan and we will be consulting residents soon. The first phase, a visioning exercise, is almost completed and task groups have been researching housing, environment and design, community wellbeing, business and retail.

The residents involved in a steering group have pinpointed key issues such as planning legacies, targets, policies and discussed the physical constraints of developing our town.

The group wishes to pursue revising and updating the Local Economic Development Strategy. Visit its new website at peacehaven-and-telscombe-neighbourhood-plan.site123.me/

● Our Page One picture shows Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group chair Cathy Gallagher and vice-chair Viv Carrick studying some of the ideas that could improve our town.



FROM THE MAYOR



I have attended a morning at Downlands Court extra care housing unit.

I thank Lynda Hallett for almost 15 years' service as a town councillor. She resigned last month so there is a vacancy for a new member for West ward.

We have bingo sessions on Friday, February 16, and Wednesday, February 21, to raise funds for my charities.

On February 6 we will mark the hundredth anniversary of the Representation of the People Act 1918, which enabled all men over 21 and some women over the age of 30 to vote for the first time.

My wife Sandra has asked the Happy Quilters group to make a commemorative quilt to be hung in the Copper Room at Community House.

The search is on to find the first winner of

the Mayor's Community Award for Volunteering. This prestigious new award will go to someone who has given time and energy voluntarily to benefit the community and it is open to all Peacehaven residents.

For further information contact my Civic Officer, Deborah Donovan, by email at civicanmarketing@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

The closing date is Friday, April 6. Please encourage your friends to nominate people they think deserve my award.

Finally, remember to buy your tickets for our wrestling event on Saturday, March 24.

Brian Gosling
Mayor of Peacehaven



LEGAL EAGLE

with Lawson Lewis Blakers

Employment law: Avoid the pitfalls

Employment law, whether you are an employee or an employer, is often overlooked but the pitfalls are surprisingly easy to avoid. We can assist with:

- If you are an employer, ensuring you have correct contracts, handbooks and policies in place to avoid the risk of claims against you in an employment tribunal.
- If you are an employee, ensuring your contractual or statutory rights have not been breached or ignored and the ways of addressing this.
- If you are an employer, the preparing of settlement agreement packages for your departing employees so as to give you the confidence you are not vulnerable to litigation.
- If you are an employee, advising on settlement agreement packages so that you are entering into them with your eyes open.

Chris Kingham, an employment law solicitor, will be pleased to advise you.

Please telephone 01273 582680 or email chris.kingham@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk for a free half-hour appointment.

Watch a master wrestler at work

Grappling fans have a unique opportunity to watch a master at work at the Meridian Centre next month. Doug Williams, former American TNA and Ring of Honor champion and multi-winning British, European and Japanese title-holder, will be holding a two-hour training seminar before the next Wrestling Spectacular on Saturday, March 24.

Spectators are welcome at the session, from 4pm to 6pm, for just £5, providing they have purchased a valid ticket for the evening event.

Participants in the seminar must have some experience of wrestling, judo or martial arts. The cost is £20 and places are limited. Applications should be emailed to Premier Promotions at wrestling@premier-promotions.co.uk

Tickets for the show in aid

Training seminar: Doug Williams

of the Mayor's charities, featuring Doug Williams, are available from the Information Office, telephone 01273 585493, priced £10 for adults and £9 for concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £36. Aquarius Solutions will be sponsoring the event.

Among other stars booked

to appear on the show, which starts at 7.30pm, are two of the UK's top stars.

London powerhouse Josh Faulkner is a former Young Wrestler of the Year whose last Peacehaven appearance was more than three years ago and "Dazzling" Darrell Allen is the reigning PWF welterweight champion.



Opportunities to volunteer

Do you want to get out and do some exercise, learn something new, make new friends and/or offer help to someone in your community?

Whether your interest is nature and the environment, working with children, socialising with older people or getting involved in a library or a charity shop, Sussex Community Development Association is offering a chance to meet

many of the organisations that involve volunteers along the coast from Saltdean to Seaford.

The free event will be at Community House at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, February 3, from 11am to 2pm.

There will also be opportunities to try taster sessions in mindfulness, gentle exercise and arts and crafts as well as an opportunity to hear a choir.



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

Could you be a buddy?

Outreach 3Way, a Sussex-based charity, is on the hunt for new volunteers who are keen to gain a fulfilling and insightful experience in making a real difference to the lives of the people it supports.

The charity — part of Dimensions UK — provides support for people with learning disabilities and autism.

It has a strong presence in the community and the people it helps enjoy opportunities to connect with people in their area and to learn new skills.

The charity is currently looking for a volunteer British Sign Language buddy for a young deaf man supported in Peacehaven who loves meeting new people and would like a regular buddy to share his interests and activities.

To find out more about this role or other volunteering opportunities contact Jenny Ng at jenny.ng@dimensions-uk.org or 0300 303 9032 or visit www.dimensions-uk.org/volunteering

FROM THE MP



As the new year has come in, I have had a particular focus on housing. I attended the Second Reading of the Fitness for Human Habitation Bill, which in the end received unanimous cross-party support. Everyone deserves to live in an up-to-standard, safe, warm and comfortable home and this bill offers crucial progress.

Ensuring homes are fit for habitation and have the necessary infrastructure in place are reasons why I sent my letter of objection to the Hoddern Farm development planning meeting in December and I welcome the decision of the meeting to defer the building of 450 homes.

We face a housing crisis and we must address this with long-term developments. However, we cannot accept the building of new homes when the infrastructure is not in place to cope. For instance, when there is not

enough road capacity, GP supply or school places.

I was at the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan meeting last month. One of the points I keep making is that we need a more detailed local plan with residents' input to see how we want to develop our town in the long term, to address our infrastructure and housing concerns and to improve the Meridian Centre.

In 2018 and beyond, we must work together as a community to shape the future of our town for the benefit of us all.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven

Cathedral choristers



Choristers from Chichester Cathedral Choir will sing evensong at the Church of the Ascension in Arundel Road on Sunday, February 4.

This will be the first visit to the church by the choir, which tours internationally and leads cathedral services.

Evensong lasts an hour and will start at 4pm. Tea and cake will be served in the church hall after the service.

A quiet word in private

The police have now taken over the dedicated police room at the Meridian Centre and have had two well-attended drop-in surgeries where members of the public had an opportunity to talk one-to-one with Police Community Support Officers.

PCSO Chris Marchant said: "This can be done in confidence and we will be holding these on a regular basis, so keep an eye on E-News and the police noticeboard, where times and dates will be advertised."



"We will probably aim to do these on a Thursday to coincide with the coffee morning. This may be once a month rather than a weekly event, so watch out for details."

The police have recently arrested a youth at the Meridian Centre on suspicion of disorder.

Now that the doors in the north part of the centre are being locked after 6.30pm, the issue with unruly youths has improved.

Information about the "In the Know" texting scheme is available from the Information Office. People who sign up will get text alerts regarding any trending crime across the town.



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