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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



By Claire Lacey, Town Manager

I am pleased to report the Neighbourhood Plan is now underway and moving forwards in great strides.

The steering group has officially signed off the print proofs which the town council will be presenting to residents in a course of consultations across Peacehaven, Telscombe and East Saltdean during April.

We hope many of you will attend the public launch in April. As many residents as possible will be consulted and asked: "What do you want for the future of your town?"

The three options provided will be plans for five, 15 and 30 years ahead, including opportunities for business and employment, health and wellbeing, heritage and environment, and construction and planning.

Leaflets, posters and email rounds will advertise the dates shortly. Please keep an eye out for them.

It is exciting to be part of this project, due to my own childhood obsession of designing Lego towns and drawing heritage buildings. The concept we have discovered is in fact similar.

The town council is pleased to be able to ask residents how they see Peacehaven in 30 years, enabling us to build an encouraging and progressive inheritance for the future generations who will be living here.

We are working with East Sussex County Council highways and will bring you further details on the much-needed

How do you see our town in 30 years?

now planned roadworks for the next few months.

March will conclude with our closing committee meetings of this financial year, with an opportunity to review our accomplishments and appraise projects we have provided to date.



Brian Gosling
Mayor of Peacehaven

FROM THE MAYOR

My wife Sandra and I have been working hard raising money for our charities and we are looking forward to the wrestling spectacular on Saturday, March 24.

Find out who will be on the bill on Page 3. Tickets cost from £9 and I am sure it will be a great night out.

The closing date for nominations for the Mayor's Community Award for Volunteering is Friday, April 6. Please pick up details from the Information Office or email my Civic Officer, Deborah Donovan, at civicanmarketing@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

Again I ask you to consider donating items

for the food bank. Peacehaven Community School has agreed to support the appeal during March for the Easter period, which is excellent news, but there is always a need. You can hand in items at the Information Office at Community House at the Meridian Centre.

Please check out the town council's website regularly for news updates and details for forthcoming events.



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.



Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, March 9, at 7pm and Wednesday, March 28, at 2pm.



The next town council general knowledge quiz night will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, March 16. Book a table, maximum eight people, at £2 a person on 01273 585493.



LEGAL EAGLE

with Lawson Lewis Blakers

Protection if you're buying a house

Q: I am buying a house with my new partner and the deposit is funded by my savings. My adult children don't like my new partner. Can I protect myself?

● If you buy a property jointly with another, a court will assume you intend to share it equally. A court can set aside this presumption but the burden of proof is high. To avoid risky, costly disputes, ask your solicitor to prepare a declaration of trust to "ring fence" your contribution and set out how you intend to share any increase in value.

● If you live with someone for more than two years and you die, your partner may have a claim against your estate under the Inheritance Act. This may upset your children. A will allows you to provide for your partner.

● Who should make decisions regarding your money and health if you become too ill to do so? A lasting power of attorney will clarify who makes decisions. **Please contact Lynn Parris (property law) and Sarah Barry (wills and powers of attorney) for assistance. Telephone 01273 582680 or e-mail mary.irving@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk**

Looks like another one bites the dust

Charlie Checkmate, one of the most popular wrestlers to appear in Peacehaven, makes a surprise return to the Meridian Centre ring at the next grappling spectacular. And he will be bringing his alter ego, Freddie Mercurio, to the party on March 24.

The all-action former Sussex star, who has been wowing fans in Toronto and Ottawa since emigrating to Canada two years ago, will feature in the big Saturday-night spectacular in aid of the Mayor's charities while on a flying visit to the UK.

Checkmate achieved cult status with a string of illuminating displays that propelled him into the spotlight, including being named the Premier Wrestling Federation Young Wrestler of the Year.

"I'm crazy busy doing my Freddie Mercurio character in Canada and have had wonderful opportunities to fly the flag for British wrestling



Charlie checkmates an opponent

against a fantastic number of different wrestlers from Canada, the US and Japan," he said.

Now Checkmate is bringing his tribute character in the guise of the legendary Queen frontman, which made him a two-time Lucha Britannia champion and the King of Lucha Chaos, to Peacehaven for the first time.

Waiting to take him on at

the Meridian Centre is another of wrestling's most colourful personalities, "The Colour of Mumbai" Rishi Ghosh.

Heading a power-packed line-up for the show is one of the biggest names in wrestling, former American TNA champion Doug Williams, who will also be conducting a two-hour seminar in the afternoon.

Among the other stars in action will be two more former young wrestler of the year winners, strongman Josh Faulkner and "Dazzling" Darrell Allen, and local favourite Barry Cooper.

Tickets for the show are available from the Information Office priced £10 for adults and £9 for concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £36. Ticket holders can attend the Doug Williams seminar between 4pm and 6pm for £5.

Aquarius Solutions is sponsoring the event.



Focus on healthy living

The town council is hosting a healthy living day event in partnership with Sussex Community Development Association. The event will be at the Meridian Centre Mall on Friday, April 20, between 9am and 1pm.

Businesses and charity organisations will bring a wide variety of health-themed stalls. To book a stall email apprentice@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, March 14, at 7.30pm will be Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG). Biopic about the lives of Winnie-the-Pooh creator A. A. Milne, his family and especially his son Christopher Robin.



Youth Mayor: It's an honour and a duty

Peacehaven has a Youth Mayor again. The town council has reinstated the position after a gap of six years.

The new Youth Mayor, Fatma Bacha, and her deputy, Harvey Browning, are student presidents at Peacehaven Community School.

Fatma said: "Being Youth Mayor is an important honour, a duty, a responsibility and a commitment for changes and improvements in our community.

"I hope we will be good role models for our fellow

students and also younger ones in primary schools and nurseries.

"I know working with town councillors and council officers who have years of experience and knowledge will benefit Harvey and me."

Harvey added: "I believe bringing back the youth voice will have a huge and positive impact on the community.

"We will be able to bring fresh ideas from different perspectives, possibly things that haven't happened before."

Fatma's first project will be to support the Mayor, Cllr Brian Gosling, in boosting

donations for the food bank. As Easter approaches there will be a greater need of food and Easter eggs for families who are less fortunate. Bring your donations to the drop-off point at the Information Office at the Meridian Centre.

The council's Business Apprentice, Matt Gunn, will supervise the Youth Mayor's engagements.

The council's Civic and Marketing Officer, Deborah Donovan, said: "We are looking forward to working with Fatma and Harvey and the school in their new roles."

Let's clean up all the mess

Peacehaven Task Force is joining in the Great British Spring Clean, a campaign with a simple aim — to bring people across the country together to clear up the litter that blights towns, villages, countryside and beaches.

The team wants to inspire people to get outdoors, get active and help to clear up rubbish that lies in Peacehaven in litter-picks over the weekend of March 2 to 4.

● **Friday, March 2, 10am to noon:** Meet at Roderick Avenue car park to clean the car park, Bramber Avenue, Piddinghoe Avenue and



along the South Coast Road in between.

● **Saturday, March 3, 10am to noon:** Meet at the war memorial to clean the memorial garden.

● **Saturday, March 3, 2pm to 4pm:** Meet at the Gateway Café in Centenary Park for a walk in the park and to pick up rubbish.

● **Sunday, March 4, 10am to noon:** Meet at the Bastion Steps car park to clean rubbish from the clifftop, beach, promenade, The Dell and Howard Park.

Peacehaven Task Force is a volunteer group that gives its free time to help tidy the town.

For more details or to volunteer phone 07851 612 561 or email cleanpeacehaven@gmail.com



Peacehaven's MP, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, is not writing his column this month because a by-election is being held in the town council's West ward.

Bikes menace is back

As the weather has started to improve, the blight of youngsters riding motorbikes in Centenary Park has returned. It is illegal but is particularly difficult to deal with from a police perspective, said PCSO Chris Marchant.

"This is because it is almost impossible to identify a teenager with their hoodie up, a scarf covering their face and speeding across a field.

"That said, these youths are someone's sons and more than likely go to a local school.

What we need is information from the public to help us identify these individuals so that they can be dealt with in an appropriate manner."

The police will not use pursuit tactics in a public space.

PCSO Marchant said: "We do not want this to culminate in an accident and we are mindful of how we need to approach this problem. If you have seen a youngster pushing or riding a bike to and from an address, then please call in on the 101 number to report it.

"Let's look forward to a safe summer in our open spaces so that they can all be enjoyed for all the right reasons."





PUNK BLAST



Iconic 70s and 80s punk rock band Peter and The Test Tube Babies are coming home to celebrate their 40th anniversary. They will be heading back to their Peacehaven roots and will perform for the first time in their home town when they appear at Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club on Saturday, April 7.

And as part of the band's 40th anniversary celebration they are re-recording and reworking their 1982 track Peacehaven Wild Kids. The original song has been adopted as the football club's anthem and band founding member Del "StrangeFish" Greening, who grew up in the town, is reworking the song for a 21st-century feel.

Greening said: "Dan Palmer, the club secretary, wrote to me and asked if we would be interested in writing an anthem for the team to come out to at home games.

"Not sure if he was being serious, I wrote back and said we would love to do it. Peter and I are both from Peacehaven and used to support the club in the late 1970s."

Band formed 40 years ago in Peacehaven to play in town for first time

The Tubes will be giving the song its world premiere on April 7 and the evening promises to be special for Tubes and Peacehaven & Telscombe FC fans.

Mike Bradbury, commercial director of the club, said: "We sent the band a direct Tweet never really expecting to get an answer. We were surprised when we got a reply from Del and found out that not only was the band keen to support our idea but they wanted to record a special version of the song."

At the April gig, which also features Peacehaven rock 'n' roll revival band The Relics, audience

reaction to the reworked song will be recorded to be added to the final mix. The four-piece Tubes are still touring and before they play their historic Peacehaven gig they will have performed in Hungary, Poland, France, Scotland and Ireland as well as several dates in England.

Since their first album in 1982, The Tubes have released 17 more, their most recent, That Shallot, in 2017. Find out more about Peter and The Test Tube Babies at www.testtubebabies.co.uk

Tickets cost £10 in advance and £12 on the door. If you buy your tickets online, the total cost will be £11.50 a ticket including costs and charges.

To buy tickets for the Peacehaven & Telscombe FC gig go to pay.gocardless.com/AL000187EVT4EG

Or you can purchase your tickets on match days from the football club at Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven BN10 8RH or from the town council's Information Office.



Football club's chairman steps down

The chairman of Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club has stepped down because of work commitments.

Jez Avens had been club chairman for nearly two years and had helped to steer the club from being on the brink of going under to achieving community status and, come April, being debt free.

Mr Avens, deputy managing director of Richer Sounds, the largest independent hi-fi, AV and TV retailer in the UK, said: "I'm now just not able to commit the necessary amount of time needed.

"I shall continue to serve the club as a member of the board."

Vice-chair Sue Norwood will take over until the club's AGM later in the year.



Bring the family and whizz along

East Sussex Cycling Training is working with the town council and other partners to establish a cycling hub at Centenary Park in Peacehaven with similarities to Eastbourne Cycle Centre.

The hope is to be able to offer a variety of cycling activities for children and adults, including those with disabilities. During March and April, the Eastbourne centre will be holding regular Friday drop-in sessions for people with differing abilities,

using adapted bikes to give people a feeling of freedom and wellbeing in a safe and disabled-friendly environment.

In the Easter school holidays the centre is organising cycling sessions for children, including all three levels of Bikeability, Junior Beginners one-to-one sessions and the popular Family Fun Whizzability.

Whizzability is a fun session where the whole family can ride a variety of different-sized bikes in a

safe traffic-free area. All Bikeability and Beginners places need to be booked online but Wheels for All and Family Fun Whizzability are drop-in sessions with no need to book. For more information contact Pete Bryant on 07881282725 or email peter.bryant@east.sussex.gov.uk

The cycle centre is hoping to replicate most of the sessions at Eastbourne at the Centenary Cycle Hub in Peacehaven when it opens in the coming months.

Lewes District Citizens Advice expects this to be a busy time for debt advice. Here are its six top tips to help people get finances in order.

1. Work out what you owe. List who you owe money to and add up how much you need to pay each month.

2. Prioritise debts. Rent or mortgage, energy and council tax are called priority debts. There can be serious consequences if you do not pay them. These should always be paid first. Separate these and work out how much you owe.

3. Work out how much you can pay. Create a budget by adding up essential living costs, such as food

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citizens advice

and housing, and taking away these from your income. Any money you have spare can be put towards your debts. CA's budgeting tool can help.

4. Paying urgent debts. You may have several priority debts and cannot pay them all. Contact all creditors to find out if you can negotiate how much you pay or when you pay. Always pay first any priority creditors who are taking action against you.

5. Paying non-urgent debts. If you have money left after paying priority debts, consider getting a free debt-management plan. You will make one monthly payment to the plan provider, which will handle your creditors. Or contact your creditors and offer them what you can afford to pay.

6. If you cannot pay your debts. If you have little or no money spare to pay priority debts, seek advice from CA straight away.

For information and advice, call CA on 03444 111444, visit one of its offices in Lewes or Seaford or check out the website www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk



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