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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



Retired nurse elected as civic leader

A retired NHS district nurse is the new Mayor of Peacehaven, elected by her fellow councillors. Jackie Harrison-Hicks has been a town and Lewes district councillor since 2003.

She is also qualified in massage, reflexology and aromatherapy, and is a qualified stress counsellor, which includes stress in the workplace, bereavement, HIV and compulsive behaviour disorders.

Considering her work history, Cllr Harrison-Hicks has decided to concentrate her fundraising on equipment required by the Anchor Health Centre and she hopes residents will support her events during her mayoral year.

She is inviting everybody to join her for a morning coffee in the foyer of Community House at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, June 13, between 10am and noon and is urging residents to support her first fundraising event, a fashion show at the Meridian Centre on Friday, June 22.

Find out more on Page 3 and on the council's website.

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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.

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The town council has casual vacancies following the resignations of four councillors — Brian Gosling and Amber Robertson in North ward and Reg and Jean Farmiloe in East ward. The town council thanks them for their service.

Role of our First Citizen

By Claire Lacey,
Town Manager

The town council has elected a new Mayor, Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks, and we will be pleased to work with her. The Mayor is the proper person to represent a town on ceremonial occasions, referred to as the First Citizen. Cllr Job Harris will be Deputy Mayor.

During a term of office a Mayor has several responsibilities, from chairing council meetings and ensuring the council follows legal governance procedures to their duties of fundraising to raise the profile of charities and community groups.

The officers of the town council have specific functions. The Responsible

Finance Officer manages the finances of the entire council. The Town Manager provides advice and guidance to ensure the council is compliant. The Civic and Marketing Officer provides advertising opportunities and documents the Mayor's term of office.

This month the workload extends to completing the

first Conversation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Employers and schools will be invited to work with us to give their opinion on how they want the town to look in coming years.

Residents of all ages have valid and exciting visions for the future and the evidence required to write planning policies is growing daily.

With external funding opportunities to apply for and new committees being formed, it is administratively busy. The events calendar is filled with markets, coffee mornings, volunteer days, community social and action group meetings as well as the Mayor's Fashion Show this month.

Tickets for our events are available at the Information Office.



Deputy Mayor
Cllr Job Harris



LEGAL EAGLE

with Lawson Lewis Blakers

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



Buy discounted clothes from top high-street brands at the Mayor's Fashion Show at the Meridian Centre on Friday, June 22. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £6 each from the Information Office to include a complimentary glass of wine or a soft drink on admission. Refreshments will be available and the event will raise money for the Mayor's project.

Fewer call police over antisocial behaviour

The number of phone calls to Sussex Police about antisocial behaviour and low-level crime in Peacehaven and Telscombe has gone down in the past six months.

Inspector Simon Burroughs said police youth officers had been engaging with young people across the district together with partners from the town council and youth centres.

Operation Blitz had allowed the police to respond to concerns spontaneously on Friday and Saturday nights with positive results.

More people are signing up for In The know phone community messaging but the police always welcome new members and feedback.

Lewes District Council's Neighbourhood First team is now a visible presence across the district helping to tackle waste, nuisance and other issues.

Insp Burroughs said there have been some so-called "artifice type" burglaries where elderly or vulnerable people have been tricked by offenders posing as legitimate workers – most often from "the water board".

He said: "Encourage those who you fear may be

vulnerable to check ID and call the company direct to see if it is a legitimate visit."

Further advice on home security measures can be found on the Police website and Neighbourhood Watch teams are always welcoming to new volunteers.

Peacehaven has always attracted young people on motorbikes and there has been an increase in



Simon Burroughs

complaints about dangerous and antisocial riding, in particular in the play parks such as Chatsworth and Centenary.

"Report incidents of illegal and dangerous riding via 101 or online to Sussex Police. The more information we have, the greater the chance of catching them," said Insp Burroughs.



This music business... it's murder

An amateur theatre group aims to be top of the pops with its ambitious summer show. Peacehaven Players are presenting a musical murder mystery with live band The Relics — and the audience must work out whodunit.

Who Killed The Pop Star? will be at the Meridian Centre on June 14, 15 and 16 at 7.30pm. Instead of the usual theatre seating, playgoers will sit at tables of eight to try to solve the puzzle.

The play is set in 1986 in recording studios. As pop duo Wha-Hey! ride high in the charts, disaster awaits them. There will be a murder.

At each performance everyone who solves the crime will receive an Ace Detective certificate. For members of the team that provides the best solution there is the title of Top Detective plus badges.

The action will be set against hit songs from artists such as Diana Ross, Madonna, The Human League and Whitney Houston.

A licensed bar will be open throughout the shows. Tickets are £9.50 adult, £9 concessions, £4.50 carers and £70 a table seating up to eight.

They are available from www.peacehavenplayers.co.uk and the town council's Information Office.



In the show:
Billie-Jean Culshaw.



TREE-MENDOUS

An apple tree has "joined" a Scout troop. Beaver Scouts adopted the English Golden Russet when they visited the Community Orchard in Centenary Park.

After a ten-minute walk through the park from the Scout hut, singing at the tops of their voices, they heard a talk about the orchard and how it had come into being. Fruit trees planted there over

the past four years will be fully grown by the time they are adults.

They watered their adopted tree, which they have named Russell, and will be taking their weeding duties seriously.

Scouting has been part of Peacehaven for decades and is as strong as ever in the town. In decades to come the Beavers in this photo can take their children to visit

Russell and take pride in the natural environment.

Neil Watts, the Beaver Leader, said: "This small patch of peace and tranquility will always be special to future Beavers in our great town."

Regular volunteer days are held at the orchard where everyone is welcome to come and muck in. Find out more on Facebook or call Sue Griffiths on 07932448721.



Peacehaven Open Gardens will be on the weekend of June 23 and 24 from 2pm to 6pm. This year there will be three new gardens plus Peacehaven Community Garden and Peacehaven Allotments.

Refreshments, plants and crafts will be available at some of the gardens. Seaford Sunshine Strummers will be playing at 8 Tor Road on the Sunday from 2pm to 4pm. Proceeds will go to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne.

Tickets, £4 each and covering all gardens on both days, are available from most of the gardens taking part, the town council and Alison Standing on 01273 589502. The event is sponsored by Paradise Park, Newhaven.



While you're away...

As we approach the start of the warmer weather, PCSO Chris Marchant is reiterating the importance of home security. Opportunist thefts increase when doors and windows are left open or garages and sheds are insecure.

He said: "Please consider this every time you leave home. Lock and secure ladders and steps if you are leaving upstairs windows ajar. Anything of great value, for example, a lawnmower, can be security marked by the police."



"Contact me via the town council and I will come and mark your property with a post code or personal details and I will pop out and see you."

"If you are going away on holiday, try to keep that information secure, with perhaps just family and friends aware of your movements."

"Do not advertise the fact your home is empty and the dates you are away down the pub."

"Even a small investment in something that turns lights on and off can prove an effective deterrent while away. Remember, we live in a low-crime area but we do need to remain vigilant and do what we can to deter unwanted guests."

Our summer fair needs sponsors

Businesses in Peacehaven are being urged to sponsor the Summer Fair.

Organisation for the fair at Centenary Park on Saturday, July 14, from 11am to 4pm, is well underway.

The event is being supported by stalls and commercial stands but the need for sponsorship is critical to make the whole fair come together, said the town council's Civic & Marketing Officer, Deborah Donovan.

As well as the main

attractions, a skate festival, a car boot and a funfair will be included and Wave Leisure and Sussex Community Development Association will be supporting the event.

However, vital sponsorship is needed to cover the cost of promotional material such as advertising, flyers, posters, banners, the programme and their distribution.

Also, extra toilets, bins and fire extinguishers must be available on the fair day.

Mrs Donovan said: "If at least 12 businesses are able to support the event by sponsoring a minimum of £100 each, this would ensure the organisation of the fair runs smoothly."

"All sponsors' logos will be printed in the fair programme and as they come on board will be advertised on our social media platforms."

Money raised at the event will go to the Mayor's project to raise funds for equipment for the Anchor Health Centre.



Churchill Retirement Living's 31-unit development on the South Coast Road is progressing well but poor weather has had an effect.

The company is continuing to work alongside the town council to keep disruption to residents and the nearby surgery to a minimum.

Site Manager Shaun Harman has met with Town Manager Claire Lacey to

discuss parking and issues with teenagers in areas around the site after working hours. He also gave a safety talk to primary school pupils.

Work has begun on the external elevation for cladding and render.

The development is programmed to be completed in August/September and the sales office is programmed to be open this month.



The town council's cinema will show *Finding Your Feet* (12A)

at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, June 20, at 7.30pm. On the eve of retirement a middle-class snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister.



Free NHS health checks for East Sussex residents aged between 40 and 74 are being held at the

Meridian Centre on June 15, July 6 and August 24.

BMI, blood pressure and blood cholesterol will be checked and questions will be asked regarding exercise, diet and other lifestyle indicators.

You can book by calling 0300 303 3624 or by emailing healthy@sussexcommunity.org.uk



Top spuds

Peacehaven Horticultural Society has linked with schools and nurseries in the town for an annual vegetable-growing venture.

This year the children will be growing potatoes, with a weigh-in at the Meridian Centre on Friday, June 22, between 10am and 4pm to find the class and school with the heaviest yields.

In partnership with the town council, Paradise Park, Newhaven, KPS Composting and Lewes District Council, each class has been provided with a green box and soil with three small rooting potatoes.

Sponsor Healthwatch will present a plaque to the group with the largest crop.

We won the cup

Peacehaven and Telscombe Under-21s won the county Under-21 Challenge Cup with a 3-1 victory over local rivals Saltdean Utd Under-21s.

Drop-in help with online banking

NatWest bank, which is closing its Peacehaven branch this month, is partnering with the town council to provide an advice service on arranging and setting up internet banking.

Drop-in surgeries have been arranged at the Meridian Centre for Tuesday, June 19, Tuesday, June 26, Tuesday, July 3, Tuesday, July 24, and Tuesday, July 31, from 10am to noon.

NatWest says it has introduced a new role in response to the changing ways its customers do their banking. Community bankers will work in places recently affected by branch closures to give customers personal assistance to access options to match their needs.

Jacky Gill has been appointed as the community banker for East Sussex and



Jacky Gill

will be based at the town council offices in the Meridian Centre weekly.

She said: "I'm excited to have the opportunity to develop a strong relationship with our customers in Peacehaven and surrounding area, helping to ensure that NatWest remains an important part of its many thriving communities."

"The impact of technological changes on the way people bank with us has been dramatic but we're also aware not everyone is comfortable with these changes."

"I'm looking forward to hosting regular events to help educate customers about being financially fit, training them on the different ways to bank in a digital world and how they can protect themselves from fraudsters."

The community bankers will conduct financial health checks to help customers with new products or services. They will also engage with the community through charity events, social groups and other activities, and use social media to increase their presence and help customers.

FROM THE MP

As always, I have tried to be as visible and active in Peacehaven as possible this month, as well as hosting my bi-weekly surgeries at the Meridian Centre.

It was a pleasure to attend the Seahaven Business Awards at Jerrom Hall — to see lots of money raised for local charities and to witness businesspeople in Peacehaven go home with awards and recognition for their hard work.

I was disappointed with the decision made by the district council planning committee regarding the Hodder Farm development proposal. I wrote a further

letter of objection and had copies placed on every seat in the hall for residents to read, as well as delivered to the councillors on the committee itself. It remains undeniably clear to me our town is not ready for this development of 450 homes until we have the infrastructure in place to cope.

In terms of school places, GP surgeries and road capacity — particularly with the congestion on the A259 South Coast Road — our infrastructure is not ready for further development and certainly not of this magnitude. I was pleased to hear of

so many residents coming together to raise their voices against the proposal but disheartened by the approval granted by the planning committee.

I will continue to make the case for investment into and improvement of our infrastructure, and hope residents will continue to join me in making that case.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven





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