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Peacehaven Town Council



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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



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2017

A busy year and another anniversary

There will be much to look forward to in Peacehaven in 2017.

With agreement from the town council to support the Taskforce Volunteers, there will be activities for all age groups and abilities to work in the beautiful gardens at Howard Park, planting and maintaining the grounds.

There will be more fun days at Centenary Park for families to come and plant trees, a food and drink festival, an emergency planning day and events throughout the year. Keep up to date with them on the town council's new website coming soon.

The Dell play area is being revamped, Firle Road Park will have new swings and amenities are being spruced up and improved all the time.

Flower boxes and new bins are being installed, some before Easter and the rest after. The town council hopes residents will continue to support the projects by joining its working groups and giving their suggestions.

Discussions will continue with developers who wish to build in the town to encourage them to put in much-needed infrastructure.

NEW ANZAC-ON-SEA

Peacehaven Town Council wishes you all Happy New Year and looks forward to celebrating with you at the town's birthday on February 12, the day 100 years ago when its name was changed from New Anzac-on-Sea to Peacehaven

The town council will continue to work with the police and fire authorities, as well as supporting health services by providing blood banks with space and inviting the Healthwatch Bus to the town.

The Smoothie Bike will be making its debut in the early part of the year and the town council hopes to encourage people to use its outside gym and also to join running and walking clubs plus cycling tours across the South Downs.

Visits from East Sussex County Council's highways team and Lewes District Council's planning team in 2016 were positive for future working. Support for much-needed work on roads and pathways has been promised. Systems implemented by these teams are easier to use and give quicker response times for fixing potholes and levelling pavements.

Bus shelters are being fixed or replaced and all will be sporting new noticeboards to advertise town council events.

Throughout the year events are planned to support all ages in the community and bring everyone together as the town council did in the 2016 centenary year.

Watch out for new lampposts which will promote the history of the area as well as the internationally famous Greenwich Meridian line which runs through the centre of the town.

The Information Office layout will change to focus more on promoting the town council's facilities.

Councillors will be working within their budgets to provide best value for the town.



After a busy Christmas we now look ahead to the New Year and may I wish you all a healthy 2017.

I am delighted to tell you about a major town council initiative aimed at our young people. A youth group will be meeting for the first time this month.

Not only can youngsters think about how they would like to see the town develop and plan projects but also at meetings they can learn life skills taught by professionals. The first meeting will be free, so I urge youngsters to come along and have a say in the future of Peacehaven. Find out more on Page 4.

We will be holding a Burns Night event on January 28 with Scottish dancers and a piper. We will be serving a Scotch pie meal with trimmings. Tickets are available from the Information Office at just £12.50.

This is an occasion dear to me as my father – who passed away some time ago – was a true Scotsman who loved to celebrate the Bard.

On February 12 we are holding a service at the Evangelical Free Church to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the naming of Peacehaven in 1917.

We are also hoping to hold a Valentine dance soon after.

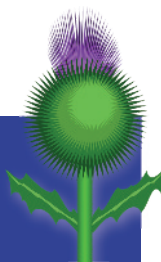
Bingo sessions will continue on Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings, once a month, and remember, all our events will be listed on the town council's website.



Jean Farmiloe
Mayor of Peacehaven



Scots Wha Hae!



Come and celebrate the genius of Scottish poet Robert Burns at Burns Night at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, January 28, from 7pm.

Scotch pie with neeps and tatties will be served. Piper Donald Brown and Town Crier Jon Borthwick will be on hand for the Addressing

the Haggis ceremony and there will be traditional Scottish dancing.

Burns, who lived from 1759 to 1796, is regarded by many as the national poet of Scotland and is honoured around the world. He was a pioneer of the Romantic

movement and his Auld Lang Syne is still sung today. Scots Wha Hae served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem.

Tickets for the Peacehaven evening in aid of the Mayor's local charities cost £12.50 and are available from the Information Office.

Ex-detective joins the team

Campbell McBryer is the town council's new Leisure and Amenities Manager.

Before joining the council he spent 23 years as a police officer with Sussex Police, working in roles including serious and organised crime, neighbourhood and community patrol work and as a detective sergeant dealing with terrorist-related matters.

He has a great deal of experience in managing projects and hopes this will stand him in good stead.

He said: "We have fantastic facilities and I am hoping to continue

the great work at Centenary Park, to improve facilities at The Dell and to look at ways



Campbell McBryer

to improve our parks and amenities for all in our community.

"We have fantastic projects planned, many of them focusing on young people to ensure

we supply safe and interesting venues and events for them. Peacehaven Youth Group will be opening in January at Community House. We are working closely with Zero Degrees skate group to make best use of our skate park and to help to build a pump track.

"We are exploring other opportunities to provide useful and interesting facilities for all our residents."

Campbell is keen to hear residents' ideas how the council can work to improve facilities and he can be contacted through the council's website.



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, January 18, at 7.30pm will be **A Street Cat Named Bob** (12A). The moving story of a busker and Bob the ginger cat he nursed back to health. Tickets are £5 from the Information Office.

● Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, January 18, at 2pm and on Friday, January 20, at 7pm. Eight games for £4. Plus snowball and flyer

FROM THE HOUSE

I was pleased to meet with the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, to discuss policing in Peacehaven and other issues.

Following recent robberies at Star Fuels and Sainsbury's in Peacehaven as well as a break-in at the Post Office in Telscombe Cliffs, I welcomed the opportunity to speak to her about these worrying events.

I also discussed concerns that Peacehaven residents have about anti-social behaviour at the Meridian Centre. I have already raised this issue with the Co-op and know its managing agents have met with the police to see how to best address this problem.

One of the Police and Crime Commissioner's responsibilities is to set the overall budget for policing in Sussex. This is mainly funded by the Government's policing grant and from part of council tax called the police precept.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asking people to take part in the 2017-18 Sussex Police Precept Consultation. I am urging people in Peacehaven to give her their feedback on areas that she proposes to support and to make their views known.

You can access the consultation by clicking on the following link: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=147816984559>

Please do not hesitate to contact me at simon.kirby.mp@parliament.uk if there is anything you feel I can do to help.

Simon Kirby

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven





Council meetings

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.

January

- 10 Planning and Highways
- 17 Leisure and Amenities
- 24 Council
- 31 Planning and Highways

February

- 14 Policy and Finance
- 21 Planning and Highways

Voice of youth

A youth group run by the town council will have its first meeting this month. For a number of years, young people have been requesting "something to do".

In partnership with joint action groups in Lewes and Eastbourne, the town council has received money to allow young people to have their own indoor youth group. They can plan projects for the town and learn life skills, all taught by professional organisations such as the fire and rescue service, football coaches and skate boarders.

The group will meet at the town council offices every Monday between 5pm and 7pm. There will be a



nominal fee of £1 a person and snacks will be laid on. Anyone aged between 13 and 18 may attend.

Initial thoughts will be for the young people to design and build their own pump track and learn how to coach a football team.

The council wants to hear ideas from young people and to encourage them to come along the first session on January 16 will be free.

District councillors

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 councillors on East Sussex County Council: Ian Buchanan, 07754 749372, and Phil Howson, 01273 581612.



If you're looking for some inspiration to beat the January blues, we've been gathering tips on ways to Feel Good from the residents of Newhaven, Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs. Tips so far have ranged from giving blood to giving someone a hug, and from jumping on a trampoline to diving into a good book! We've published some more suggestions on the Feel Good website, and we hope there is something for everyone.

Feel Good is about saying 'yes' to doing the things that will make you feel happier, healthier and more active in your neighbourhood.

Feeling good can start by changing something small, such as learning a new skill, joining a club, or going for a walk. The Feel Good partners include organisations you might recognise from your local area, and we'd love for you to join the campaign too and become a part of the Feel Good community.

If you want to talk to us, read some more tips, or find out more about the campaign, please visit the Feel Good website

<http://www.highwealdleweshavensccg.nhs.uk/our-programmes/feel-good/>





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