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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit

September 2016



## 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.

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### **Bingo**

Bingo with cash prizes will be at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, September 21, at 2pm and also on Friday, September 23, at 7pm. Eight games for £4 plus snowball and flyer.

#### **Give blood**

Blood donor sessions are usually held at the Meridian Centre every month. Details from the Information Office.

# **Vandals strike** — and the bill will run into

The town council has reaffirmed its commitment to zero tolerance on vandalism after a spate of incidents. This waste bin in Centenary Park was set ablaze on Saturday, August 13.

The council will prosecute if the offender is caught and anyone with information should contact the police. The crime reference number is 120815082016.

In other incidents, on August 22 and 23, a bus shelter on the corner of Gladys Road and South Coast Road had panes of glass smashed, five in a week

The industrial estate in Victoria Avenue was broken into and a motorbike stolen, ridden to Centenary Park and set on fire in the skatepark basin. The crime reference number is 47160115098.

All the mess will be cleared up but at a cost in working hours, administration and replacements of thousands of pounds and that will have an impact on the council tax residents pay next year.

Town Manager Claire Lacey said: "We need to raise awareness of petty crime in the town to ensure people can understand the true implication as well as being accountable for their actions."

 People enjoying Centenary Park are being asked to take their litter home if they find the waste bins overflowing rather than leaving the rubbish on the ground near a bin.

A dog needed an emergency operation recently after food left on the ground near a full bin in the play area became stuck in its throat.

**CTLA** community transport is launching a new logo and branding as part of an ongoing development designed to help the charity continue to provide vital transport services and become increasingly sustainable.



The charity hopes the colourful new bus logo, showing community users aboard, will help give greater public recognition to the fleet

of accessible minibuses based at Newhaven. Dial-a-ride, community group hire and a travel club are just some of the services that CTLA minibuses provide. Find out more at www.ctla.org.uk or call 01273 517332.



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Centenary Park is buzzing with bees since four beekeepers brought the first hives there this spring. It is an excellent site for an apiary. There is plenty of food from the wild flowers around the park, crops like rape or beans in the neighbouring fields and the gardens of Peacehaven.

And the bees are vital to our wellbeing, too.

Bob Curtis said: "What would our life be like without bee and other pollinators? Without bees there would be few fruits, no strawberries, plums, apples, pears, tomatoes, no squashes, no beans and on and on."

The honeybee and bumblebee, along with many solitary bees, are perhaps our best pollinators and will visit many hundreds of flowers each day to collect nectar and pollen. Nectar is converted into honey and used as the energy source for the bee colony, providing protein for the bees' young.

The honeybee is the most familiar member of the bee family and the only one producing honey and wax. Honey is not just great on toast but is also in many other things, including food, soap and beauty products.

Are bees an endangered species? Yes and no, said Sue Taylor.

"Bees will survive as they have for many millions of years but the number and variety of bees in our gardens is dependent on the plants we grow. Sterile, flower-free gardens will attract few insects and butterflies but a planting of attractive flowers and shrubs will bring them to your garden.

"The honeybee has increasingly been under pressure from pesticides and a range of introduced diseases — such as the Varroa mite, colony collapse syndrome and potentially the Asian hornet — to the extent that the wild honeybee is virtually extinct.

"By keeping bees in hives we maintain populations and ensure the pollination of crops and gardens, with the added bonus of honey and wax."

A honeybee colony is made up of three types of bee. The queen spends



Deborah Donovan, the town council's Civic and Marketing Officer, met beekeepers Bob Curtis and Sue Taylor from the **Brighton and Lewes** division of the Sussex Beekeepers' Association to see the new hives at **Centenary Park** 



her whole life laying eggs, up to 1,000 a day in summer and up to a million in her lifetime.

The drones, the only male bees, just eat, sleep and mate and the workers do everything else — clean the hive, feed the young and the queen and collect nectar and pollen.

The colony is effectively a super organism, the only bee that overwinters as a colony. With most other bees it is just the gueen who will survive to the next year.

To produce another colony of honeybees, the colony will swarm. This usually happens in spring but most beekeepers try to manage hives so they can control the urge to swarm. They can artificially swarm the colony but the bees do not always follow our rules, so some unwanted swarming will happen. Swarms are not usually dangerous. The bees are full of honey and focused on looking for a new home. They generally will not sting unless you get too close.

So it may not be too long before you can sample Centenary Park honey as the Gateway Café is willing to sell jars on behalf of the beekeepers.



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# A say in town's future

The town council is making progress on a neighbourhood development plan which should bring more money into the town.

A Government bill in 2010 gave towns such as Peacehaven the right to undertake neighbourhood planning.

The implementation of a plan, in conjunction with Telscombe Town Council, will help to bring in extra money through an increase from so-called Section 106 agreements

where a developer will make a contribution.

A neighbourhood development plan is in effect a mini-law made by residents to guide how and where properties are built in the next ten years.

It will involve ideas from as many residents as possible, gathered in upcoming events, and will then go out to public consultation. Once agreed with Lewes District Council, it will be put to residents in a local referendum.

Graham and Hilda Heap, authors of the Greenwich Meridian Trail books, are organising a walk around Peachaven following the Meridian line in aid of the Mayor's charities on Friday, October 7. Full details from the Information Office.

Residents who went to the summer fair at Centenary Park in July were asked for their views.

They said they would like to see more art, heritage and culture, better public transport and roads and starter homes to suit a wider range of people.

They also wanted retail parks to improve commerce and employment, a swimming pool, improved care services, support for the elderly and more educational activities.

To have a say on Peacehaven's future email the town council at info@ peacehavencouncil.co.uk

## **Tippers** targeted

Fly-tipping hot-spots are being targeted in a Lewes District Council campaign during the next three months.

Hard-backed posters will be displayed beneath road signs and campaign messages will be posted on social media.

Fly-tipping can be reported online via the district council's website. Residents can also report it using Twitter or Facebook.

For more information about fly-tipping visit www.lewes.gov.uk/flytip ping



Local organisations and voluntary groups in Peacehaven, Newhaven and Telscombe Cliffs are working together to start a Feel Good campaign.

We've been talking to people in your community to find out how we can help you feel as good as possible, and the campaign will provide ideas of local activities to give you that "feel good factor". The Feel Good logo will be used as a marker to show some of the fun and healthy choices you could make for yourself, your friends and your family.

We're inviting local people to take part in our Feel Good Pledge by making a (big or small!) change in your day-to-day life in order to improve your health or wellbeing. We're also looking for your top tips on how to feel good on a daily basis, so please do get in touch!

If you want to talk to us, or to find out more about the campaign, please visit the Feel Good website www.highwealdleweshavensccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/feel-good/





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# Here comes a Viking

One of the wildest characters in British wrestling hits the ring when big-time grappling returns to Peacehaven next month.

Super-heavyweight battler Crazy Horse, aka the Viking Warrior, is set to bring his own brand of mayhem to the Meridian Centre stage on Saturday, October 22.

Since bursting on to the wrestling scene, he has fought from one end of the country to another and on to the continent, appeared at the Wacken metal festival in Germany and trialled for the WWE.

Beyond the squared circle, Crazy Horse, who claims to originate from the ancient island of Lindisfarne, has trained with sword, spear, axe and bow and is well known on the re-enactment fields of England.

He has fought on battlefields and castle walls and took part in a Battle of Hastings anniversary that featured more than 300 riders and more than 1,000 infantry, standing on the Saxon line that faced attack after attack from the Norman hordes.

The big Saturday-night spectacular being held in conjunction with the Mayor's local project fund will also include another top international name making his Meridian debut.

The Lion Kid, one of the most exciting stars in wrestling, has

> Showing at the town council's cinema at the **Meridian Centre**

on Wednesday, September 21, at 7.30pm will be Florence Foster Jenkins (PG). A New York heiress obsessed with becoming a great opera singer was actually hilariously awful. Tickets are £5 from the Information Office.



The first 40 tickets sold from the Information Office at the Meridian Centre will be at a special price of £9 for adults and £8 for concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children will cost £34.

After that, ticket prices will be £10 for adults and £9 for concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children will cost £36. Call 01273 585493.

appeared extensively for top Japanese promotion Dragon Gate and throughout Europe, where his high-flying style has thrilled fans in France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland and Ireland.

The event will be sponsored by Aquarius Solutions.

### 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

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Almost two months have passed since the referendum. The campaign was fought, the vote was held, turnout was high and the public gave their verdict in a free and fair referendum.

The Prime Minister has been clear there must be no attempts to remain inside the EU, no attempts to rejoin it through the back door and no second referendum. The country voted to leave the European Union and it is the duty of the Government to make sure this happens.

In the aftermath of the referendum many residents and businesses in Peacehaven have contacted me, asking "What happens now?"

What I can say is that the Prime Minister and the Government will provide strong leadership as Britain negotiates to leave the European Union and forge a new role for ourselves in the world. At every step of these negotiations the Government will work to ensure the best possible outcome for the British people.

Nobody should believe that the negotiation process will be brief or straightforward. It is going to require significant expertise and a consistent approach.

I am working together with other MPs to make sure that we have the best deal for our country and indeed for the people of Peacehaven.

You can find out about my work as your MP at www.simonkirby.org

Simon Kirby

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven



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