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Up on the Downs

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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



Over the hills and far away

Cycle Seahaven, a club set up by residents to promote cycling in Peacehaven, Newhaven and Seaford, has teamed up with the South Downs National Park to offer an initiative called Ride The Downs to give you a chance to get out on your bike and enjoy the stunning landscape around us.

The club is offering introductory, health and rural rides. Introductory rides have a short, supervised session on flat, hazard-free ground. Health rides are typically an hour to 90 minutes on gentle, rolling terrain. Their purpose is to increase fitness and

confidence. Rural rides exploring the national park last 90 minutes to three hours.

These are all public rides and you do not have to be a member of Cycle Seahaven. However, riders must wear a helmet.

Women's rides are held monthly throughout the summer to encourage more women to cycle. These are short rides to tearooms with plenty of time for friendly chat. Non-members are welcome

Details of all these rides are published on the rides and events calendar on the website www.cycleseahaven.org.uk



Magical: Our lovely Downs

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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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Ian V Buchanan (UKIP) and Sue Griffiths (Community Independent) are new town councillors for North ward following an uncontested by-election.

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Bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, August 17, at 7pm.



A FETE WORSE THAN DEATH

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at 7pm
Main Hall
Meridian Centre

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Summertime, but we've much to do

**By Claire Lacey,
Town Manager**

Although it is now the summer season the town council has a responsibility this month to start to prepare for the coming year.

In these latter months we prepare our three-year programme of estimates, forecast our annual budgets and begin to review our internal controls.

Council officers will begin their annual training and refresher courses to enable them to competently manage council business.

We have welcomed two

new councillors in North ward, Sue Griffiths and Ian V Buchanan, who have been town councillors before and who are both active volunteers in the community.

Two more members will join the town council after a by-election early this month in East ward.

The grounds team has been incredibly busy in recent hot weather, watering planters, cutting grass and marking out football pitches.

Lewes District Council's Neighbourhood First team is active and responsive within Peacehaven, keeping residents safe and ensuring

litter perpetrators are brought to task.

There has been a recent heightened issue with dog fouling. People are not disposing of dog waste in the correct way. With all the new public bins in place and suitable for dual waste this should not be a problem. Dog walkers are asked to be considerate and pick up after their pets.

The council hopes all the schoolchildren have a happy and safe summer, so please do not forget the sun cream and drink extra water if July's scorching weather continues this month.

Annual show

Peacehaven Horticultural Society will hold its annual show at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, August 11, from 10.30am to 1pm. The award ceremony and auction of produce will follow from 1pm to 2pm. Entry is £1 or free with a schedule.

There will be plant sales, tombola, a raffle and a name the scarecrow contest.

Treat yourself to homemade cakes, bacon sandwiches or a full breakfast in the cafe, which will be open at 8.30am.

More details on 01273 589502.



A race night in aid of the Mayor's fundraising will be held at the Meridian Centre on Friday, September 21, at 7pm. Businesses are being urged to sponsor each of the eight races. Tickets at £2 are available from the Information Office. Bring your own food and drinks. To sponsor a race call the Civic & Marketing Officer on 01273 585493.



The town council's cinema is taking a break during August but it will be back in September with Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again.



Health checks

Free NHS health checks for East Sussex residents aged between 40 and 74 are being held at the Meridian Centre on Friday, August 24.

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

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

Wave Leisure is organising summer activities in Peacehaven during the school holidays. For the full timetable see www.waveleisure.co.uk/media/1914/peacehaven-summer-holiday-timetable-2018.pdf

Spuds contest

An article in last month's E-News should have made it clear the Great Potato Challenge for schools to grow the largest number of spuds was organised by Peacehaven Horticultural Society and not just one person. The town council apologises for its error and thanks everyone who made the challenge a success.



Match fit: Ready for a new campaign

FOOTIE kicks off again

For football fans everywhere they say it has been a long time since the end of last season. For non-football fans they say it does not seem so long.

On Saturday, August 4, Peacehaven kick off their SCPL campaign with a home game against Pagham, with Hassocks and Eastbourne Utd visiting Peacehaven on August 18 and 27.

In the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Peacehaven are away to Spelthorne FC from the Combined Counties League on Saturday, August 11.

Season tickets cost £90 with concessions £60. Under-18s get in free. Normal match-day admission is £6 adults and £4 concessions. Reserve a season ticket by calling 07772 724204. Find out more about Peacehaven & Telscombe FC at www.peacehavenfc.co.uk

Dogs will have their day in the park

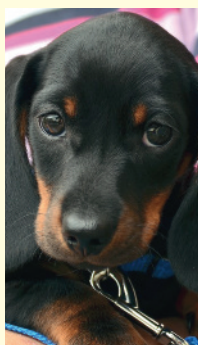
Give a Dog a Home, an organisation rescuing dogs abroad and finding them homes in the UK, will run a fun family dog show and summer fair to raise funds at Centenary Park on Sunday, August 5, from 11am to 4pm.

There will be a wide range of classes for dogs of all shapes and sizes, from pups to golden oldies, with rosettes and prizes awarded for all classes.

There will also be an opportunity for humans and dogs to test themselves between classes by trying Hoopers Rings run by Clix and Trix and scenting skills in the Search 'n' Sniff arena run by Search Dogs Sussex.

In addition there will be lots of fun and games for the whole family, including a bouncy castle, and stalls with crafts.

There will be ample parking — for a voluntary donation.



Revved up for trouble

Now the school summer holidays are here children will be enjoying their break. For some there will be family days out or a trip abroad.

However, a small element will be seeking their thrills and entertainment in a manner that will potentially cause alarm and distress for the rest of the community, said PCSO Chris Marchant.

"I am talking about the riding of motor bikes in the parks or the antisocial behaviour that can occur at the Bastion Steps at the bottom of Steyning Avenue.

"No one wants to stop anybody's fun but when it encroaches on others, that is when Sussex Police will get involved. As for the motor bikes, I think there will be residents who have information where they are stored and who may be riding them. We would appreciate any help with that matter.

"If you see large groups of youths heading for the undercliff, please call on the non-emergency 101 number and let us know. We will continue to patrol these areas during the course of the holidays but do appreciate input from the public."





Careers fair

A careers fair will be held in the Meridian Centre Mall on Friday, September 21, from 8.30am to 1pm.

Employers from various sectors and education providers will be attending. If you would like to book a stall for your organisation or company, email apprentice@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

The price for a stall is £5 with all profits going to the Mayor's fundraising.

Fish are saved

The lake near Balcombe Road began to dry out because of lack of rain and scorching weather at the end of July. Many people called the town council about fish gasping for air.

Officers and other staff swung into action with partners the Environment Agency, the RSPCA and finally East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service to save as many fish as possible.

Rooms for hire

The town council has rooms for hire suitable for parties, events and seminars. More details on 01273 585493.

The apples of their eye

Peacehaven Community Orchard in Centenary Park has spent £500 from the town council to buy tools and woodchip to mulch the trees.

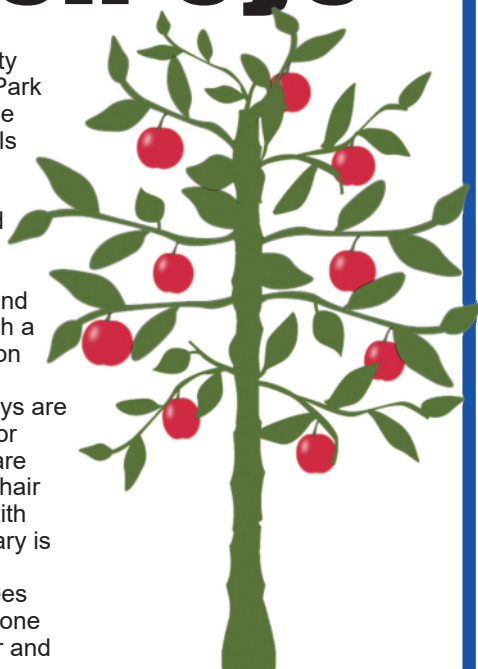
From fundraising and donations the orchard volunteers have spent £4,070 on equipment and services, mainly through a partnership with Brighton Permaculture Trust.

Regular volunteer days are still running come rain or shine. The volunteers are now organised with a chair and treasurer but, as with many groups, a secretary is hard to find.

Seventy-six apple trees have been planted but one has been lost to canker and another to voles.

The voles have also badly damaged a third tree and are being blamed for a further two sickly trees.

Peacehaven Beavers, who have "adopted" and care for a Herefordshire Russet they have named Russell, will be helping to plant



another Sussex apple tree

Wildlife is returning to the site and skylarks are confident enough to nest in the orchard.

Posts are already in for more Sussex apple trees to continue the protection of their gene pool.



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.



Lewes District Council's Neighbourhood First team is concerned about a recent increase in dog fouling in Peacehaven.

Colin Richardson, an officer with the team, said: "Please be responsible, pick up dog waste and dispose of bags in the litter bins provided or take them home."

Universal Credit is a new benefit which helps people on low incomes or not in work to meet their living costs. To help people prepare for Universal Credit, Citizens Advice is highlighting how it differs to previous benefits.

Three key changes are:

- Universal Credit payments are made in arrears once a month. The date you get paid will depend on when you make your claim.
- Payments will go straight into your bank account. This means you may need to set up standing orders for expenses, like rent, if they used to be

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citizens advice

paid directly to your landlord.

- New Universal Credit applications, and any change in circumstances, need to be made online.

Last year, the Government made a number of changes to Universal Credit to help people avoid financial difficulty while they wait for their first payment. This includes the removal of

the seven waiting days before a claimant can apply for Universal Credit.

CA can help at every stage of the process. Some clients are experiencing long delays before receiving the first payment so it is important to get in touch as soon as you are experiencing complications with the application process.

For more information contact your local Citizens Advice on 03444 111 444 and find drop-in details of opening times on the website www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk



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