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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit

October 2018



Royal visit to The Joff

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are coming to Peacehaven. During their first official visit to the county on Wednesday, October 3, Prince Harry and Meghan will be at The Joff youth centre.

Young people from youth voice groups across East Sussex will be there to agree strategy and key priorities for Takeover Challenge day in November. The youngsters will discuss strategies for supporting young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

The Duke and Duchess will observe discussion groups and workshops and speak to those taking part. They will also have the chance to talk privately with young people who have experienced mental health issues themselves.

The Takeover Challenge is a national initiative established by the Office of the Children's Commissioner which encourages organisations to put young people into reallife decision-making positions.

During their visit to Sussex, the Duke and Duchess will also visit Chichester, Bognor Regis and the Royal Pavilion in Brighton.

The Queen granted them the Dukedom of Sussex on their wedding day in May.

The Mayor of Peacehaven, Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks, members of the council and council officers are delighted the Royal couple will be visiting our town.

Budget time: You can have a say

By Claire Lacey, Town Manager

October is a month of preparing budgets for the next financial year. A three-year programme of estimates and forecasts is prepared for each committee to let residents know how the town council is setting its share of council tax for the next few years.

Any requests and recommendations from residents can be included in the reports by writing to me at the Information Office. Initial meetings have been held to brainstorm ideas for cost saving, as well as to look at the bigger plan to improve the town.

We have been in talks with the Co-op



Group as part of the Neighbourhood Planning policy. Residents are suggesting new facilities and the consultation undertaken in April and May will soon be available on our website at peacehaven towncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

We are also using the opportunity to Call For Sites. This process was implemented by the Government as part of the Localism Act 2011. We appreciate housing is required in our area, although we are calling out to residents to state where it should go and what improvements are required to go with it. The Call For Sites form is available to download from our website.

A free event will be held in Peacehaven to celebrate the centenary of the women's suffrage movement. One hundred years ago the Representation of the People Act gave some women over the age of 30 the vote for the first time and marked the start of the movement that campaigned for the right of every woman to vote. Lewes District Council and Peacehaven Town Council are organising the event at the Meridian Centre on Thursday, November 1, from 5pm to 7pm.

The aim is to encourage women to participate in local government. There will be an informal discussion with a cross-party group of women councillors and a miniexhibition on the suffragist movement in Sussex. Email bpp@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk to register for a free place.

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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. **October** 2 Planning and Highways 16 Council 23 Planning and Highways

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 next general knowledge quiz night will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, November 2, at 7pm. Max eight to a team at £2 a head. Book on 01273 585493. In aid of the Mayor's fundraising for medical equipment.

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Bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, October 12, at 7pm.

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A 'Fantastic' bout at wrestling night

Portuguese star "Fantastic" David Francisco is set to make his Peacehaven debut at the big autumn wrestling spectacular at the Meridian Centre at the end of the month.

Francisco, a double champion in Portugal, is one of the aces in a star-studded pack for the show on Saturday, October 27, that will also include a Premier Wrestling Federation title bout, women's action and a six-man, tag-team bout with an American Rumble-style over-the-top-rope finale.

The flamboyant Continental ace, who hails from Lisbon and is also a top competitor in Spain, is rapidly making life uncomfortable for the top wrestlers in Britain after hitting UK rings.

Two favourites of Meridian grappling fans will be battling it out for the PWF welterweight championship belt when "Dazzling" Darrell Allen defends the title against the "Prince of Mumbai" Rishi Ghosh in what promises to be a riot of high-speed action.

New girl wrestler Katy Bishop makes her Peacehaven debut against the high-flying Zan Phoenix and another international star booked to appear for the first time on a Meridian card is Ireland's Oisin Delaney.

The line-up for the show, in aid of the Mayor's fundraising for the town's GP surgeries and sponsored by Aquarius Solutions, will also include popular local star Barry Cooper on what promises to be a big night of action.

Tickets are available from the Information Office at £10 adults and £9 concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £36. More information on 01273 585493.

Debut: Double champ Francisco



FREE EVENT

To encourage women to make their voices heard in local government and make a difference in their communities

WHEN Thursday 1st November 5pm-7pm WHERE Meridian Centre, Meridian Way, Peacehaven BN10 8BB PLEASE REGISTER FOR A FREE PLACE bpp@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk Lewes District Council in partnership with Peacehaven Town Council



01273 585493

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Your meeting, our rooms

Arranging a seminar, holding a conference, organising a show, planning a wedding reception or party? Community House at the Meridian Centre in the heart of Peacehaven, just eight miles from Brighton, is the place for it.

There are many rooms to hire that are just ideal. They are fully compatible with disabled requirements and all rooms

for parties and shows, tool

are on one level. Caretakers are on duty during each hire period in case you have any further requirements.

Main Hall, the biggest room, is adaptable for a variety of uses including parties, wedding receptions, conferences, markets,

exhibitions, sporting activities, dance shows and much more.

The Anzac Room has a bright décor and is perfect for smaller meetings and parties. It is also popular with organisations to hold meetings or activities such as yoga. It holds up to 60 people and has a kitchen attached for those who wish to cater their functions.

Community House also has a fully equipped industrial kitchen to cater for any event.

The Charles Neville and Copper rooms are ideal for small meetings, training courses and foreign-student teaching. They have white boards and a 70in iBoard is available to hire.

The Pod, the smallest room, is available for more confidential one-to-one meetings or for up to four people.

Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Prices to hire rooms vary and can be



obtained from the Information Office sited within Community House. Tickets for shows, cinema, wrestling events and for amateur dramatics are sold from this office.

Whether your room is for a business meeting, private consultations, seminars or parties, Community House has just the room available for you. Call 01273 585493 or email info@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

A fete date with death

Step back in time to the summer of 1956. The St Jude's fete is in full swing. Mrs Robinson's jam is selling like hot cakes and the hot cakes have all gone. Roger Smallcombe, the new vicar, is getting soaked in the stocks and Mrs Devenport has just sworn to kill her husband if she catches him tinkering

with Jennifer Clayton's coconuts again. In the midst of this innocent carnival atmosphere,



atmosphere, a sinister plot is unfolding. As the fete draws to a close the happy atmosphere is shattered by a bloodcurdling cry of "Murder!"

A body has been discovered behind the tombola . . . but who is the victim? Who is the murderer? And who has won the picnic hamper in the raffle?

All will be revealed before the bunting is down at St Jude's in the murder mystery evening A Fete Worse Than Death at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, October 6, at 7pm.

Tickets are £14 from the Information Office. Bring your own food and drink. The evening is in aid of the Mayor's fundraising.



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Employment law: Avoid the pitfalls

Employment law, whether you are an employee or an employer, is often overlooked but the pitfalls are surprisingly easy to avoid. We can assist with:

• If you are an employer, ensuring you have correct contracts, handbooks and policies in place to avoid the risk of claims against you in an employment tribunal.

• If you are an employee, ensuring your contractual or statutory rights have not been breached or ignored and the ways of addressing this. If you are an employer, the preparing of settlement agreement packages for your departing employees so as to give you the confidence you are not vulnerable to litigation. If you are an employee, advising on settlement agreement packages so that you are entering into them with

your eyes open. Chris Kingham, an employment law solicitor, will be pleased to advise you.

Please telephone 01273 582680 or email chris.kingham@lawson lewisblakers.co.uk for a free half-hour appointment.

Darker now, so lock up

The days are drawing in and clocks will soon go back and that gives opportunistic thieves a little more darkness to operate.

With that comes personal responsibility, says PCSO Chris Marchant.

He said: "Ensure windows and doors are locked and items of value are locked away and out of sight. So don't leave tablets or laptops on view in the lounge."

He also said the police get many calls to car break-ins across the district and on further investigation found most vehicles had been left insecure. It takes only a few seconds to check when leaving your car that it has been locked properly.

"Please be more vigilant with home security and if you would like to talk further about that, contact me on my work email christopher. marchant@sussex.pnn. police.uk

"Furthermore, please take advantage of the police office facility at the Meridian Centre.

"Should you require advice or further information on police-related matters, speak to council staff at the Meridian Centre and they will forward details to me."

Remembrance

The annual Remembrance service will be at Peacehaven and Telscombe war memorial in Meridian Park, Peacehaven, on Sunday, November 11, at 11am. There will be a further ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War at 6.45pm where the town crier will cry for peace and the beacon will be lit by the Mayor, Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks.

Turn again!

Dick Whittington is this year's family panto from Peacehaven Players. Performances will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, November 30, at 7pm, Saturday, December 1, at 2pm and 6pm and Saturday, December 8, at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets from www.peacehavenplayers. co.uk



FROM THE MP

As a Labour and Co-operative MP, one issue I try to promote is Co-operative businesses in our community. They do a lot of good but the Co-op in the Meridian Centre has for many years looked sad and drab. We have made real strides in the last year, with a new sign for the police hub, craft and Christmas fairs, and some shops reopening after a period of decline. But there is still far more to do.

Last month I met with staff from Co-op Group headquarters who came from Manchester to look around our hub. We discussed immediate plans for new signage and frontage and plans for redeveloping our town centre so it becomes an exciting and thriving retail and residential hub.

These plans are still at an early stage but it is great to see the Co-op so willing to engage in big thinking to ensure our town has some of the best facilities.

Championing Peacehaven is one of the most important of my roles as an MP. When several parents came to me about the lack of

autism provision in our area, I decided to raise the matter in Parliament last month.

Our children deserve the best facilities, not to have to travel 20 miles on long, stressful, rush-hour journeys to access specialist provisions. I hope we can achieve some success in this matter, with BBC South East taking up the mantle of the campaign.

If you know of other issues you think we should be following up, please contact my office and let us arrange an appointment at my bi-weekly surgery at the Meridian Centre every second and fourth Saturday of the month. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 01273 550121 or email lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven

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Peacehaven & Telscombe FC has launched its 200 Club lottery. At each monthly draw three prizes up to $\pounds100, \pounds75$ and $\pounds45$ will be awarded.

It costs £5 a month to join. As well as having a chance to win cash you will also be helping the football club to fund its maintenance programme. Find out more and register at www.peace havenfc.co.uk You have to be 16 or over to take part.

Carol concert

The town council will hold its annual carol concert at Community House in the Meridian Centre on Friday, December 14, at 6pm. If you live in Peacehaven and would like to take part either as a soloist or in a choir, email Deborah Donovan at civicandmarketing@peace haventowncouncil.gov.uk

Booked in

A book sale will be held at Community House at the Meridian Centre on Thursday, October 11, from 9am to 1pm in aid of the Mayor's fundraising for the town's GP surgeries. Books for donation can be brought to the Information Office.



Youth Mayor Fatma Bacha and the School Council at Peacehaven Community School have organised a questions and debate evening with town councillors at Community House in the Meridian Centre to be held on Wednesday, October 31, at 6.30pm. Residents will be welcome.



Club (12A) at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, October 24, at 7.30pm. Romcom with four lifelong friends having fun

for donation can be brought to the Information Office. with sisterhood and outrageous life choices.

A regular coffee, care and cake group is continuing to offer free support to people in Peacehaven who have lost a loved one. Monthly groups are organised by the Southern Co-op Bereavement Centre and offer individuals the opportunity to meet others in a similar situation in an informal and friendly setting.

Current groups are held at Telscombe Civic Centre on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12pm. Details at www.funeralcare.co.uk/ bereavement-support or call 07834 449069.

IMAGINING A BETTER FUTURE?

Help shape the new Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan

The residents of Peacehaven, Telscombe and East Saltdean are drafting a Neighbourhood Plan to coordinate with Lewes District Council planning authority's Core Strategy. A Steering Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Meridian Centre, Peacehaven, at 7pm. We are all locals and encourage everyone interested to join us.

Progress update

Stage 1: April 2018

Consultations were conducted with residents. Three future plans were offered for consideration and feedback was gathered.

Result: The majority would like to see a rethink and redevelopment of the Meridian Centre and surrounding area.

Major concerns include

- Congestion on the A259
 Oversubscribed schools
- and doctors 3. Loss of green spaces
- and shops 4. The need for sports and
- leisure facilities. Also noted: High-rise

Don't miss your chance to have your say!



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buildings were considered a threat to the area but lower buildings (up to four storeys) were considered acceptable in some areas.

Stage 2 ongoing: Call for Sites

Until October 31 we are asking landowners to identify sites larger than 2. hectares with the capacity to accommodate a minimum of five dwellings or buildings that will support employment possibilities.

255 more properties need to be identified by 2030.

Application forms can be obtained from Peacehaven Town Council or Telscombe Town Council.



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