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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



Neighbourhood Plan at Stage 2

The Neighbourhood Development Plan has now been 12 months in the making and the Steering Group is working through Stage Two — preparing the plan.

Between last August and October the Call for Sites — each big enough for at least five homes — was published. Lewes District Council requires 255 more homes to be found before 2030, making a total of 1,224 in strategic sites between 2010 and 2030.

Several sites were submitted, including plans by Co-Op Group for a new store and other shops at the Meridian Centre, which

would be in accordance with residents' wishes identified during early consultations. The district council is reviewing the submissions.

The Steering Group still wants to hear views about the future development of the area from community groups and individuals.

Come along to a Steering Group meeting. They are held at Community House at the Meridian Centre on the first Wednesday each month at 7pm. Find out more by emailing Cathy Gallagher, who chairs the Steering Group, at saltdeanra@gmail.com



Arranging a seminar, holding a conference or organising a show? Community House at the Meridian Centre 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

are on one level. Community House also has a fully equipped industrial kitchen.

Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Prices to hire rooms vary and can be obtained from the Information Office. Call 01273 585493.

FROM THE MP

When I speak to my constituents from Peacehaven, the topic I have heard most about recently is Universal Credit. People across the country are angry Universal Credit is not working and Peacehaven is no different. Universal Credit was designed with three goals — to reduce costs, simplify the benefit system and to make work pay.

While these are aims that many would support in principle, the reality is far from this. The programme is six years behind schedule and billions of pounds over budget.

It forces families to make a choice between feeding their kids or paying their rent, and its culture fosters the sanctioning of recipients for attending their appointment five minutes late.

Since Universal Credit's rollout in Brighton and Peacehaven, constituents have

approached me to speak of their woes. My office has seen how it affects every aspect of people's lives, from families suddenly struck by rent arrears and hardworking people having their payments reduced to the sick and disabled having vital support removed and cut.

Urgent reform is needed to ensure that Universal Credit does not discriminate against these groups of people. No family should be reliant on a foodbank and this is why I will continue to fight for the crucial reform that is needed.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

MP for Brighton Kemptown
and Peacehaven



**By PCSO
Chris Marchant**

Sussex Police wish you all a prosperous new year.

The same rules about thwarting criminals will apply again this year. Keep doors and windows locked, take valuables out of motor vehicles and do not give anyone the opportunity to make you a victim of crime.

Personal responsibility is probably one of the best and most effective deterrents to help with this.

Never leave anything on show and think of how you can improve home security. Perhaps something as simple as a CCTV sticker in a window would help or a well-placed trellis.

We do not advocate turning your house into Fort Knox but a few simple things could make the difference.

If something has a lock, then lock it.

We can supply small "Smile, you are on CCTV" posters, "We do not buy at the door" stickers and, my personal favourite, the property-marking system for bikes, tools, etc.

Should you require advice from the prevention team, you can contact me via my email at christopher.marchant@sussex.pnn.police.uk



Grab top tag team by their Beards

One of wrestling's biggest tag teams are set to make their Sussex debut on the next Peacehaven grappling spectacular.

The Beards, who bill themselves as over 40 stone of British beef, top the bill on the first big Premier Promotions show of 2019 at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, February 16.

Individually, they are the Man Mountain of the Ring, mighty Karl Atlas, and "Maddog" Quinn. Collectively, they make up an awesome combination who have already picked up tag-team gold at a number of promotions and now have their sights on clearing the decks in Premier Wrestling Federation rings.

Atlas has emerged as a contender for top heavyweight honours recently with some impressive solo displays. But can he keep the run going with "Maddog" Quinn, who will be making his first Meridian appearance, when they invade Peacehaven?

In next month's line-up "Dazzling" Darrell Allen will be back to defend his PWF welterweight title after injury ruled him out of a championship bout with Rishi Ghosh on the last Meridian event.

Tickets for the show, in aid of the Mayor's charities and sponsored by Aquarius Solutions, are available from the Information Office at the Meridian Centre, priced £10 for adults and £9 for concessions.

A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £36. Telephone enquiries: 01273 585493.



Vacancy

The town council is recruiting a part-time administrator. The post will be for 16 hours and the ideal candidate will be able to work mornings and one evening a week.

Download an application form from the website and send it marked specifically for the attention of the Acting Town Manager to Town Council Office, Meridian Way, Peacehaven, East Sussex BN10 8BB to arrive by 4pm on Friday, January 4.



The town council's cinema will show **Bohemian**

Rhapsody (12A) at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, January 23, at 7.30pm. It's a foot-stomping tribute to Queen, their music and the group's extraordinary lead singer, Freddie Mercury.

Quiz night

The next general knowledge quiz night will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, March 22, at 7pm. Max eight to a team at £2 a head. Book by calling 01273 585493.

Stay warm to keep well this winter, says Citizens Advice. As temperatures drop, the cold poses real risks. Below 8C some people are at an increased risk of serious health issues such as heart attack, stroke, flu, hypothermia and falls. Cold weather can also adversely affect mental health conditions such as depression and dementia.

At the same time many people worry about running up big heating bills and feel they cannot afford to heat their homes to a comfortable level.

Help is to hand if you are worried about yourself, a friend or relative.

SOUND ADVICE

citizens advice

Cutting your bills — you may be able to find a cheaper tariff with your current supplier or by changing supplier and you could be eligible for a Warm Home Discount of £140.

Support for vulnerable individuals — suppliers operate a Priority Services Register. Benefits include a bill nominee scheme, priority support during a power cut and improved meter access.

Energy efficiency improvements in your home — you may be eligible for a free Warm Home Check home visit or a grant from a council or charitable trust.

Help if you are behind with bills — advice is available on dealing with arrears and there may be trust funds which can help.

Hints and tips can be found at warmeastsussex.org.uk/ Contact your local Citizens Advice to get further information and advice.

Ring 03444 111 44, text WARM to 81400 or drop in. See the opening times at www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk



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RAISE THE ROOF!

House builder Barratt pledges cash to football club

Barratt Homes, the company behind the Chalkers Rise development in Peacehaven, has kick-started a fundraising campaign for Peacehaven & Telscombe FC. The football club has already received a donation plus a further financial pledge from Barratt to launch the club's campaign to raise £15,000 to repair its clubhouse roof.

With structural issues and a leaking roof threatening the electrics, Barratt Southern Counties has donated £1,000 and has committed to a further £100 donation for each home sold at Chalkers Rise for the first 50 homes.

Sue Norwood, chair of Peacehaven & Telscombe FC, said: "The current issues with the clubhouse roof are a major source of concern. The revenue generated by the clubhouse is the lifeblood of the football club and it is vital we get the roof fixed as soon as possible.

"We have spent years of hard work building our

community club and hope that with the support of the public and businesses we can raise the necessary funds to complete the work."

Lynnette St-Quintin, Sales and Marketing Director for Barratt Southern Counties, said: "Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club is an important part of the local community and we recognise the value in supporting local facilities wherever we can."

Initial work at Chalkers Rise will focus on the first phase of 143 homes. When complete, the development

will have 450 apartments and houses. Forty per cent of the homes will be classified as affordable with options to rent or buy through shared ownership.

To contribute to the clubhouse roof appeal campaign, log on to www.peacehavenfc.co.uk

The football club's application to the Aviva Community Fund project for £5,000 towards the cost of repairing the clubhouse roof has been voted into the next stage of judging. The final judging will be in March.



Will Walsh of Barratt Homes, Mike Bradbury, vice-chair of Peacehaven & Telscombe FC, Lynnette St-Quintin of Barratt Homes and Dan Palmer, club secretary



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

- 8 Planning and Highways
- 15 Policy and Finance
- 22 Leisure and Amenities
- 29 Council

- A full diary of council and

committee meetings for 2019 is on the council website.



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.



The Information Office and the town council's office will reopen on Thursday, January 3, for maintenance purposes only. The building will be open to the public again on Monday, January 14, at 9am.



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