

# E-NEWS

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*Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit*



# Yes, YOU could be a councillor

Peacehaven Town Council is calling on residents passionate about their community to stand in the elections in May for a new council.

Councillors, who put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work, are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on decisions the council makes.

Becoming a town councillor will allow you to engage with residents, groups and businesses, make decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward and become involved to ensure services are meeting your community's needs.

You can either stand as an independent or as a candidate for a group or political party.

Perhaps you are already involved in local affairs and want to take the next step. Or you may be looking for a worthwhile and rewarding way to help your community. There are approximately 20,000 local councillors in England.

## What is expected of a councillor?

A councillor's role and responsibilities include:

- Representing the ward for which they are elected.
- Decision-making.
- Developing and reviewing council policy.
- Community leadership and engagement.

## Do I need any special skills or experience to be a councillor?

No. It is important that councils have councillors who not only reflect and represent the communities they serve but also have a broad range of skills and life experience.

You do not have to be highly educated or have a profession. Skills gained through raising a family, caring for others, volunteering or being active in faith or community groups can be just as valuable.

While you do not need any special qualifications to be a councillor, having or being able to develop the following skills, knowledge and attributes will help you in the role:

- Communication skills.
- Problem solving and analytical skills.
- Team working.
- Organisational skills.
- Ability to engage with your local community.



To find out more email the Acting Town Manager at [townmanager@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townmanager@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk)



## By PCSO Chris Marchant

An ongoing problem in Peacehaven is motorbike joyriding.

However, this time it is not the usual youngsters riding motor cycles over the parks and being a nuisance but multiple thefts of bikes parked on either the roadside or their owners' drives.

These are being "hot wired" and stolen for joyriding. Sadly, the bikes are often damaged and the owners are lucky to get them back in working order.

This is happening across the district but Peacehaven and Newhaven are the areas being the hardest hit at the moment.

Therefore the police advice is, if you own a motorbike or a scooter, check you have adequate security.

Is it stored in a safe place when not being ridden or is there anything else you can do to help protect it?

Let's not make it too easy for people to steal your property.

If you need further information or would like to speak in person you can contact me via the town council or email me at [christopher.marchant@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:christopher.marchant@sussex.pnn.police.uk)





## LEGAL EAGLE

with Lawson Lewis Blakers

### Key things to consider for your will

Almost 60 per cent of us have no will. If this is you, and you:

- Are unmarried and have a partner, on death your partner will not automatically receive anything under the intestacy rules.
- Are in a "second marriage", you could prejudice the children of your previous relationship. A well-worded will could protect your spouse or partner and your children.
- Have children who are under 18, you will need to appoint trustees to manage your estate until your children attain 18. You can nominate chosen trustees in a will.
- Have no partner or children you can direct the distribution of your estate to friends or good causes.
- Preparing a will is a chance to review your affairs to consider tax planning, your funeral arrangements, etc.

Our charges for a will start from £210, including VAT.

**Contact Sarah Barry at Lawson Lewis Blakers for advice. Telephone 01273 582680 or email her at [sarah.barry@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk](mailto:sarah.barry@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk)**

## Bill Parris: Kind-hearted and caring

Tributes have been paid to former town councillor and twice-mayor William "Bill" Parris, who has died aged 93. He was mayor in 1976-1977 and 1982-1983 and was actively involved in the community, particularly with Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club.

Mr Parris was a Royal Navy radio operator during the Second World War, based mostly on Malta, and all his life could send Morse code messages. A talented footballer, at the end of the war he played for Brighton and Hove Albion, Newhaven and Peacehaven.

He remained with Peacehaven & Telscombe in various capacities for more than 50 years. He served the club not only as

a player but also as a committee member, treasurer and as a lifetime president.

Mr Parris managed the club in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was involved in setting up Peacehaven's twinning association with Epinay-sous-Senart in France and Isernhagen in Germany.

Mr Parris was a singer with a fine tenor voice and took part in competitions and also appeared in musicals and shows.

He was married to his wife Phyllis for nearly 66 years. They had three children, five grandchildren and a great-grandson. His daughter Dawn said: "He was a very fair man with a great sense of social responsibility."



## Here's looking at you, Kid!

The Lion Kid, one of the most popular wrestlers to have appeared at the Meridian Centre, returns to Peacehaven for a huge grappling spectacular on February 16.

The high-flying international star, who has thrilled fans in Japan and all over Europe, including France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland and Ireland, was a big hit with Meridian fans when he made his only previous appearance in 2016.

The Lion Kid features on arguably one of the biggest bills to be staged in Peacehaven that also includes the Sussex debut of sensational tag team The Beards, an appearance by one of the UK's top talents, Sid Scala, and an eagerly-awaited Premier Wrestling Federation title bout.

"Dazzling" Darrell Allen clashes with "The Prince of Mumbai" Rishi Ghosh in a PWF welterweight championship contest held over from the last Peacehaven show when title-

holder Allen was forced to pull out of the match through injury. The Beards, man mountain Karl Atlas and his partner, "Maddog" Quinn, go up against another team new to Meridian fans, the Heavyweight Heartbreakers, while Cockney Kid Scala, now contracted to the WWE, has been snapped up by match-makers Premier Promotions on one of his free dates in his busy NXT UK schedule.

Among the other stars in action will be Harry Sefton, one of the brightest up-and-coming wrestlers in the country, who took out three opponents at the last Meridian show to be last man standing in a thrilling tag bout.

Tickets for the show, in aid of the Mayor's fundraising 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.

## Warmer, so that grass just kept growing

The town council's ground staff under Parks Officer Kevin Bray have been kept busy this winter with warm temperatures meaning plenty of grass growth, so mowing football and bowls pitches has continued well into the new year.

The wooden pillars in Howard Park have been cut down due to them showing signs of severe rot. The timbers will be removed and

stacked in the wild area to naturally break down and provide a habitat for bugs and grubs to thrive.

Contractors have cut The Dell hedge with a tractor-mounted flail to reduce its height and width.

Around the rest of the town the ground staff have been cutting hedges and shrubs to tidy up ready for the spring.



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The public may attend any council or committee meeting. Each meeting is normally held at the Meridian Centre and these start at 7.30pm.

#### February

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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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Mary Poppins Returns (PG) is the film at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, February 20, at 7.30pm.

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The Annual Town Meeting will be held at Community House on March 19, at 6pm. Residents' questions should be emailed to [townmanager@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townmanager@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk) before midday on Friday, March 15.

## FROM THE MP



More than 100 years ago Ambrose Gorham set up a fund to support primary education in Telscombe Village. He did this because he knew that education is at the heart of community. It is often schools that bring generations together, that transform communities and help our children achieve their dreams.

Community education has been at the heart of Peacehaven and Telscombe schools since then. When I went to school there was no secondary school in Peacehaven and children had to be bussed to Tideway (Seahaven Academy) in Newhaven or Priory in Lewes. I went to Priory but by the time I had left school the then government in 2001 with our former MP Des Turner had successfully achieved a new secondary school where our children could be educated in the community.

It is always such a pleasure as an MP to visit and support schools in the area and for me the key to that is the community aspect. It is a model that has worked for more than 50 years and recent studies show schools linked to the community and part of the local authority are quickest to improve. This is why

Lewes parents have fought forced academisation of their schools and in Brighton parents successfully campaigned against academisation of their schools. Often teachers feel they want the power to teach in the classroom and East Sussex County Council is, at its best, able to support the autonomy of teachers. However, the push by East Sussex to force our local schools to become academies will not help.

If council-run schools are good enough for Lewes, if they are good enough for Brighton, then just like in 2001 when we got Peacehaven Community School, council-run schools are good enough for Telscombe and Peacehaven. I hope the forced academisation, which will waste unnecessary money on reorganisation, will be halted in our local primary schools and we all support strong locally controlled education in our communities.

*Lloyd Russell-Moyle*

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven

Lewes District Citizens Advice finds this a busy time of year for debt advice. Here are six tips to sort out your debts.

## SOUND ADVICE

citizens advice

1. Work out how much you owe. Make a list of who you owe money to and add up how much you need to pay each month.

2. Prioritise your debts. Your rent or mortgage, energy and council tax are called priority debts and these should always be paid first. Separate these and work out how much you owe.

3. Work out how much you can pay. Add up your essential living costs, such as food and housing and taking away these from your income.

Any money you have spare can be put towards your debts. The CA budgeting tool can help.

4. Pay urgent debts. You may have several priority debts and cannot pay them all. Contact all your creditors to find out if

you can negotiate. Always pay priority creditors who are taking action against you.

5. Pay non-urgent debts. If you have any

money left after paying priority debts, consider getting a free debt-management plan.

You will make one monthly payment to the plan provider, who will handle paying your creditors. Or contact your creditors and offer them what you can afford to pay.

6. If you cannot pay your debts or if you have little or no money spare to pay your priority debts, seek advice from CA straight away.

Citizens Advice is here to help you find information and advice.

Call on 03444 111444, visit one of the offices in Newhaven, Lewes or Seaford or check out the website [www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk) for further details.



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