

# **Woice of youth Youth Mayor elected to national role — Page 3**

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GIRLS' football academy launched by Peacehaven & Telscombe FC got off to a flyer with about 25 at the first session. The original plan was to run the academy on the first Tuesday of the month but because of the success of the opening sessions, the academy will now be weekly at the club in Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven, from

6pm to 7pm. The academy is open to all girls of all abilities who are 16 years old or under. The price will be £5 a session cash or £15 a calendar month by standing order.

The academy will run training sessions only and you do not have to be a Peacehaven & Telscombe youth player or a Peacehaven or Telscombe resident to take part. Everyone is welcome.

The coaches are Peacehaven & Telscombe first-team manager Mark Shutt and Lewes FC coach Tony Coade.

Mr Shutt said: "I'm so pleased we have now launched our girls' academy. Both Tony and I are especially delighted by the response. The girls have a brilliant time and we are both looking forward to developing and building the academy."

GIRLS ON THE BALL

## **Town meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting will be held at Community House on Tuesday, March 19, at 6pm.

During this meeting the Mayor, Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks, will disclose how much has been raised during her fundraising year and how the money will be used.

Residents are welcome to attend and their questions are welcome too but should be emailed to townmanager @peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk to arrive before midday on Friday, March 15.

### Summer fair

Peacehaven Community Summer Fair will take place at Centenary Park on Saturday, July 13, from 11am to 4pm. The town council will be organising the annual event and is now taking bookings for charity, trade and commercial plots.

Call 01273 585493 or email marketingassistant@peacehaven towncouncil.gov.uk for details.

### Commonwealth

A short service will be held at the war memorial in Meridian Park on Monday, March 11, at 10am to mark Commonwealth Day, which celebrates the links between Commonwealth communities around the world. The Mayor, Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks, will attend, the Commonwealth flag will be raised for the day and Neil Watts, Pastor at Telscombe Cliffs Free Church, will deliver the service. Residents are welcome.

### **Ring the bells**

The Psalty Ringers, a group of handbell ringers, are looking for new members. You do not have to be able to read music but it helps. The group meets at the Meridian Centre on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm. More details on 01273 584725.





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## Chance to speak up for youngsters

Peacehaven Youth Mayor Fatma Bacha has been elected Deputy Member of the UK Youth Parliament for the Eastbourne and Coastal area.

The parliament is a non-party-political organisation run by young people for young people. It provides opportunities for 11 to 18-year-olds to use their voices in creative ways to bring about social change at local and national level.

Once elected, they run campaigns and aim to influence decision-makers on issues which matter most to young people. The Sussex members and deputies are elected from within East Sussex Youth Cabinet.

> The following grants have been awarded by the town council: Saltdean Community Association, £200. Integration Access And Advice, £1,000. Wave Leisure Trust

Ltd, £750. Rotary Club Newhaven, Peacehaven, Telscombe, £250. Peacehaven & Telscombe Cliffs Scout Group, £300. Fatma said: "Being elected through my school to become a member of the youth cabinet enhanced my experience of representing the youth of Peacehaven.

"Working closely with the other representatives from around East Sussex for the next year, I plan on contributing locally to the young people's mental health campaign — supporting the youth, parents and carers in East Sussex.

"This fits well with my Youth Mayor commitment to promote the wellbeing and citizenship of young people in Peacehaven and East Sussex.

"Now that I have been elected a deputy for the youth parliament my journey continues. I want to help tackle knife crime nationally.

"Being Youth Mayor has been influential in me being elected. Now my involvement in the parliament and youth cabinet will benefit and support my aim to raise the voice of youth to a higher level nationally."



It is an oft-repeated cliché that young people are the future but I would say the Youth Strike last month put that notion to bed. Young people are not our future, they are our present. I was immensely heartened to see a new generation take to the streets of Brighton to demand serious action on climate change.

All too often we hear that young people are lazy, apathetic, that they do not care about politics. What clearer rejection of that notion could there be than more than 1,000 young people assembling on a freezing February morning to peacefully call on the Government to declare a climate emergency and take active steps to tackle the problem?

Despite the derision of the out-of-touch for "bunking off" school it is in fact those deriders who have shirked their responsibility, to our climate and our youth.

Climate change is perhaps the defining

issue of our time and it is our young people who will pay the price if we drop the ball and fail to tackle it. We are 11 years or so away from climate disaster, according to the UN. Climate disaster has the potential to destabilise entire regions of the world and create climate refugees on a level never seen before. It is vital we get this right and to our shame we are failing.

There will be other opportunities in the near future for young people to get involved in the campaign for action against climate change and I would encourage everyone to play their part in this important campaign.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven







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## You too could be a town 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.

To find out more email the Acting Town Manager

at townmanager@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

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. You do not need any special skills or

experience to be a councillor. 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. The skills you have gained through raising a family, caring for others, volunteering or being active in faith or community groups can be just as valuable.

## More pippins

Nineteen more apple trees have been planted in Peacehaven Community Orchard in Centenary Park. Fifteen were sponsored by Trees for Cities. The latest varieties are Alfriston, Crawley Reinette, Dalice, Eastbourne Pippin, Golden Bounty, Golden Pippin, Lady Hopetown, Mareda, Mike Rowney, Wadhurst Pippin and Feuille Morte.

A volunteer day will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 10am to put protective netting around the new trees. All are welcome.

• Peacehaven Horticultural Society is asking residents to open their gardens over the weekend of June 22 and 23 from 2pm to 6pm to raise funds for St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne. Open Gardens has been running for the past few years and last year the society donated £1,000 to the hospice. More details on 01273 589502.



Vicky Onis has joined the town council as Admin Officer from the retail sector and brings a wealth of experience in office administration. She will be working mainly with the Town Manager, assisting at meetings, taking minutes and preparing agendas.

## Can you help?

The Greenhavens Network, with more than 230 members representing more than 50 community groups with an interest in green spaces stretching from Telscombe to Seaford, needs expert professional help.

It is looking for someone to help develop and implement a fundraising plan.

The network is run by volunteers. It does not have its own office space and supporters donate rooms for quarterly meetings for members to engage and hear speakers supporting it aims.

This is an opportunity for someone volunteering from home to put something back into their community and help to build the network. Email greenhavens@yahoo.com

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The public may attend any council or committee meeting. Each meeting is normally held at the Meridian Centre and most start at 7.30pm unless stated. **March** 

- 5 Council
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- 19 Annual Town Meeting (6pm)
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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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Comedy-drama Stan & Ollie (PG) is the film at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, March 20, at 7.30pm.

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