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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



From The Mayor



Dear Peacehaven residents,

Over the last month we have been busy preparing for the Peacehaven Fair that happened on July 13th. On behalf of Peacehaven Town Council, I'd like to say a massive thank you to all volunteers, residents, stall holders, visitors, Council staff and councillors who worked very hard to make this event a success. I'd also like to thank Wave leisure for organising the arena events as well as the sponsors for their valuable support.

With a successful summer fair, we have built a solid foundation for an exciting year in Peacehaven, and I look forward to the events planned this year. My heart rejoices when I consider new events coming soon:

1. As promised, we are bringing back the Bingo nights, starting on 16th August at from 19:00 in the Main hall, Community House. Please come along and have some fun.
2. The First Quiz Night is on the 30th August, to book a team contact Debbie on 01273 585493.
3. I am excited to announce that the first "food from around the world" event is scheduled for October 12th. The good news is that we are partnering with East Sussex Music to make the event more memorable by adding some spices that will make your evening unforgettable. Please make sure you secure your ticket for this event by contacting Matt on:
marketingassistant@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk Tickets are just £10.
4. The most exciting of our new initiatives is the one that will strengthen small businesses and support local charities in Peacehaven. In partnership with the House Project, we are launching this month the "Grow and Go" scheme. This initiative will provide up to £2000 seed funding to local charities or small business with high potential to benefit our local community.

There are many more projects in the pipeline that will really transform our community. But let's start with the ones on the table now, one step at a time.

Cllr. Claude Cheta
Mayor of Peacehaven



From the Acting Town Clerk



Well we've just had the Summer Fair and what a great event it was. The weather was good and it was nice to see so many people enjoying the day, including Mayors from five Towns who were walking around and meeting people. Such an event cannot take place without a lot of planning and hard work and I must congratulate the Peacehaven Council Team for producing an extremely well run event and for giving up their time on the day. Of course we also have to thank the many volunteers and other people who were also involved, the stall holders, the performers and of course the public for taking part.

East Sussex County Council (ESCC) contractors were late in cutting the grass verges in June which led to severely overgrown areas and a number of complaints to the Town Council office. The Town Council pays ESCC for an additional four cuts per year (so we get six cuts p.a. in total) to keep our Town looking nice and we will do our best to ensure that these cuts are timed properly.

The 'new' Council is settling in to its work and we have a team of Councillors who are very positive, very experienced in many areas and who are keen to improve the Town in as many ways possible for the benefit of residents. Councillors' 'surgeries' have started again, where you can come in and meet your Councillors and discuss your views and any issues with them; the next surgery is on Saturday the 3rd of August, from 10:30-12:30 – just drop in!

I wish you a very enjoyable summer.

Tony Allen
A/Town Clerk

PEACEHAVEN HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Peacehaven Horticultural Society are holding their Annual Show on Saturday 10th August 2019 in the Meridian Centre, Peacehaven from 10.30am till 1.30pm.

We have a variety of categories ranging from cut flowers, flower arrangements, vegetables, baking, photography, arts & crafts. We will also have a childrens competition.

So, if you are the next Monty Don or Mary Berry why not enter our show?

Schedules and further info are available from Alison on 01273 589502 and schedules from the Information Office, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven.

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Summer update from Greenhavens



The Greenhavens network was set up to support community group volunteers who are protecting your green spaces between Seaford and Telscombe. The network has been very busy over the last few months, with lots more organisations joining us.

In June we held our very first AGM at YHA South Downs in the beautiful Southeast countryside. Here we shared food cooked by SCDA who run free cooking courses in Newhaven. Then we had a tour of the new wild flower meadows that are supporting honey bee hives, and other pollinators. Our volunteers even starred in a video, taken by drone above the meadows!

The biggest achievement was to launch a brand new website where you can find out more about the different projects in our area. This has contact details of all our projects (now more than 90) and lots of stories about the positive projects in your area. The website has various themes. Under conservation you can read about our community orchards, skylarks and National Meadows Day. We also had lots of local stories about what projects are doing for bees – to celebrate “Bees Needs” week. Under health and wellbeing, you can read about initiatives to keep fit and well including Seaford park run, local cycling initiatives, about your local parks and gardens, and even some suggestions for walks in our beautiful countryside that you can access by train. Gardeners will enjoy reading about our open gardens, and enjoy our gardening tips. Under our food theme, you can read about the community gardens in our area, and get tips on foraging and cooking.

Above all this is a community network and website, and we really want local groups to get involved, and have their say on our green future. Please do get in touch!

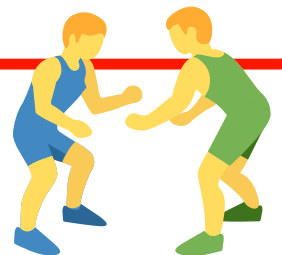
You can find the website here www.greenhavens.network



From The MP- Lloyd Russell-Moyle

I have continued to fight with teachers and parents to try and save our Peacehaven Community School (PCS) from being forced into academisation, and at the time of writing, I am pleased a public meeting has been called by the 'Hands Off Peacehaven Community School' campaign in conjunction with trustees of the Co-operative Learning Trust on the future of PCS to ensure the community is heard. At the very least we need a genuine consultation with parents. I have written to East Sussex County Council and I will continue to make further representations on this issue. As a community working together with parents and teachers for the good of our school kids, we could save PCS from privatisation.

Elsewhere, I'm sure you've seen the deeply disappointing news about the scrapping of free TV licences for the majority of over 75-year-olds. According to the BBC, those on pension credit will maintain their free TV licences, however, most pensioners eligible do not receive it. Those directly affected should have received a letter from me, letting you know that I am fighting this decision tooth and nail, and urging you to check if you are eligible for pension credit. You can check if you're eligible for pension credit by calling 0800 99 1234. As always, if there's ever anything my office can do to assist you, feel free to get in touch (Tel: 01273 550121, Email: lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk).



Wrestling Returns To Peacehaven

Stop Press! Look out in September's E-news for all the latest news of our next fantastic Wrestling Spectacular.

The shows featuring star wrestlers from the grappling world in aid of the mayor's charities have become one of the most popular events in the Meridian Hall.

Word has it that the show on Saturday 26th October will include a special ladies bout and tag-team action ... maybe a rumble?

So make a note of the date in your diary not to miss another great night's entertainment for all the family.

Tickets are available in person from the Meridian Centre or call us on 01273 585493.



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Council tax arrears is a "priority debt", which means you need to address it before paying off other non-priority loans like credit cards.

Once you've missed a council tax payment, you're in "arrears" and so owe money to your council. You should receive a letter from your council - it's important not to ignore this as after 14 days your council can take you to court and request you pay your entire year's bill at once.

It's important you speak to the council straight away if you don't think you can pay. Ask to speak to someone in the council tax office and tell them about your situation.

You'll probably be asked to commit to paying a regular amount each month. If you're not sure how much you can afford, use the Citizen Advice budgeting tool or talk to one of our specialist advisers.

If you're on a low income, you might be able to get a reduction on your council tax bill. You might also be able to qualify for your council's Hardship Scheme. You can read more about getting help with your council tax on the Citizens Advice website.

If you fail to pay your council tax arrears you'll have to pay court costs and possibly bailiff fees as well as your debt, which can add hundreds of pounds to your bill.

If you're struggling with multiple debts you can contact your local Citizens Advice. You can find their contact details on the Citizens Advice website.

Peacehaven Cinema



The Film 'Yesterday' will be shown at the town council's cinema in the main hall, Community House, Meridian Centre on Wednesday, 18th September.

Tickets are available from the information office £5.

Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend, Ellie. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent.



THE BIG KICK-OFF IS HERE



IF it's August it means football is back. For football fans they can't wait for the start of the new season, and for others the cry goes up 'it's not long since the last one finished!'

Since the end of last season, the England Woman's team had us all on the edges of our seats as they came so close to winning the big prize. The big surge in interest in the woman's game is also reflected at Peacehaven & Telscombe FC as this season, after starting the Girls' Academy last season, the club will be fielding three girls' teams.

In July the club staged and hosted a weekend youth football tournament. More than 50 teams from all over Sussex (and one from Surrey) descended on Peacehaven with the home club enjoying its fair share of success. To organise an event so complex and time consuming is testament to the commitment of all the volunteers from the youth section of the football club who gave up their time for the youngsters of our two towns.

The first team begins its new season on August 3 when they are at home to league new boys Alfold. Peacehaven also have two further home games in August: Saturday August 17 v Lingfield and on Tuesday August 20 against Langney Wanderers.

On Saturday August 10 Peacehaven will begin their quest for FA Cup glory when play in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round. They have been given a tough draw away to Erith & Belvedere.

Entry to first team games is £7 for adults and £5 for over 65s. Under 18s get in for free. You can buy a season ticket which covers all 19 home league as well as under 23 games. The price is £90 for adults and £60 for over 65s and these are available from the clubhouse.

You can hire the club's clubhouse from £150 by calling Sue Norwood on 07946 107041. Find out more and keep in touch with Peacehaven & Telscombe FC at www.peacehavenfc.co.uk on Twitter and Facebook



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