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





## From The Mayor



### Inspired by our heroes!

Dear Peacehaven residents,

On Sunday 11th August 2019, I represented Peacehaven Town at the 77th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, and took part to the service and wreath laying at the Canadian Memorial in Newhaven. At this occasion, and alongside the Mayors of Telscombe Town, Seaford, Newhaven, East Grinstead and iepepe, we learned two important lessons:

On August 19th, 1942, at least 3,623 of the 6,086 soldiers were killed, wounded or captured. Most of them were young men from Canada fighting away from home, defending the values that are today the cornerstones of our culture. I felt humbled listening to their stories.

Although many historians describe this raid as a military disaster, we acknowledged that the events in Dieppe that day led to a better preparation of the memorable North Africa and the Normandie landings. Today, we are inspired by the courage, determination and resilience of these men.

We look forward to a brighter future for Peacehaven Town, confident that we can display the same determination and resilience, working together to create a more inclusive community. It is to achieve this new community that we have revived the Quiz Night, the Bingo night and Food from Around the World event on October 12th this year.

You must have heard also of the "Magistrate in the Community" and the "Grow and Go" scheme by now. I am encouraged by the level of interest received so far from the community and invite you to get in touch with the Civic and Marketing Officer in Peacehaven Town Council for more information. Please mark these events in your calendar and be part of the positive transformation happening to our Community.

Claude Cheta  
Your Mayor



## From the Town Clerk



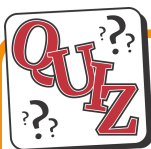
I am very pleased to inform you that my position as your Town Clerk has been made permanent. I consider this an honour and I will work hard in my endeavours to make a very positive and lasting contribution to the Town and its residents. After a long career in engineering and business management with BT plc, followed by a spell of being self-employed and working in housing vulnerable people, I was Clerk of Maresfield Parish Council for over 14 years, before becoming your Town Clerk.

Since I joined the Town Council in April of this year, I have come to feel a special affinity with Peacehaven and its people. I am amazed by the number of thriving community groups, charities and voluntary organisations, etc. that there are in Peacehaven and by the numerous different activities that take place here at the Meridian Community Centre.

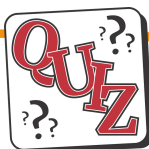
For me, people are the key, be it Council staff, our Councillors or our residents and, as much as possible, I would like us all to engage on a more personal basis so that there is proper and effective understanding, engagement and consultation. With a 'new' Council as well in place, there is a gathering momentum for improvement in all areas of the Council's operations and we are lucky to have such an enthusiastic and experienced team of staff and Councillors. I do hope you notice improvement, as we are all here to serve you.

Best regards,

Tony.



### Quiz Night



General knowledge Quiz -

Friday 4th October 7 for 7.30pm start.

Main Hall Community House.

£2pp teams of upto 8.

Evening in aid of the Mayor's charities.

Bring your own snacks & drinks.



### Curry Night



Food From Around the World

Curry & Entertainment

Saturday 12th October

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## BINGO IS BACK



The Next Bingo Session Will be on Friday the 13th of September at 7:00pm, at Community House, in aid of the Mayor's charities.

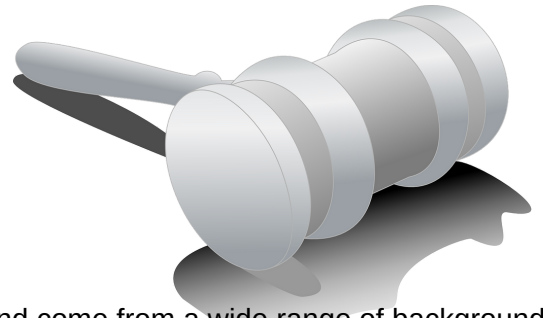
This Bingo will run from 7:00pm 8 Games for £4, plus snowball & flyer games! CASH Prizes and FREE Refreshments. Main Hall, Community House.



# Become a Magistrate

**There is a shortage of Magistrates in the area, below is a short insight of what would be expected of you if you applied for the post.**

**Magistrates are ordinary people who volunteer to sit in court**



Magistrates (also called Justices of the Peace) are unpaid volunteers and come from a wide range of backgrounds and occupations – from bus drivers to architects, pilots to mechanics, nursery nurses to retired people, unemployed to teachers. They are ordinary men and women with common sense and personal integrity. They are able to listen to all sides of an argument and can contribute to fair and reasonable decisions. You do not have to have any legal qualification.

Magistrates sit as one of a bench of three, including one who sits in the centre who has been trained to take the chair. They deal with a range of criminal cases such as minor theft, criminal damage, public disorder and motoring offences. Our members also sit in youth and family courts.

## Ten quick facts about magistrates

- Magistrates can be appointed from the age of 18 but have to retire at 70
- Magistrates are also called Justices of the Peace and are allowed to use the suffix JP after the name (there are some occasions when this is not appropriate e.g. candidates in elections, business purposes to gain advantage)
- Magistrates are not paid but may claim expenses
- Magistrates are not legally qualified but are carefully and continually trained and have the benefit of a legal adviser in court
- Magistrates use sentencing guidelines and case law to assist them to reach decisions about sentencing
- Magistrates can choose to sit at the magistrates' court near to their home or their work
- There is approximately the same number of male and female magistrates
- All magistrates take the judicial oath when they are sworn in: I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second, in the office of Justice of the Peace and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of the realm without fear or favour, affection or ill-will
- Once appointed, magistrates are allocated a mentor for their first year to help and support them
- Magistrates can be removed from the bench if it is found that their behaviour is not that expected of a magistrate

If you are interested in applying please contact Deborah Donovan, [civicanmarketing@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:civicanmarketing@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk) who will put you in touch with Shirley Venning JP for further information. In the meantime, please following this link for more details on how to apply: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/become-a-magistrate-application-form>



## From The MP- Lloyd Russell-Moyle

I recently took great pleasure in speaking at the Peacehaven Chamber of Commerce. It's always great to speak to our local small business owners and discuss how we can improve our community. I also enjoyed the recent Peacehaven Horticultural Show where there was clearly a lot of talent on show!

The campaign to save our Peacehaven Community School (PCS) rolls on this month. In recent developments, the government website has unilaterally set a closing date for the school, without informing parents, without informing staff, without consulting the community. This is unacceptable, and I have written to the Secretary of State for Education directly on this, as well as raising PCS in the House of Commons before the parliamentary recess. I will continue to fight alongside staff and parents to save our school, and I'd urge everyone to get involved in the 'Hands Off PCS' campaign.

As always, if there's ever anything my office can do to assist you, do get in touch (Tel: 01273 550121, Email: [lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk](mailto:lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk)).

## Wrestling Returns To Peacehaven

THE UK's top female wrestler, WWE fighter and reigning PWF champion Amazon, will hit the Meridian Centre stage when wrestling returns to Peacehaven next month.

The 6ft Jamaican-born Londoner will be the big attraction when the grappling girls make their comeback by public demand for a big Saturday night show on October 26 that will also feature a star-studded supporting line-up.

The towering Amazon, one of the biggest stars in world wrestling, currently wrestles out of Scotland and will be making the near 1,000-mile round trip from Edinburgh to take on another international star, Zan Phoenix, whose upcoming appearances include a match in Brussels.

It will be Amazon's first Meridian appearance since 2017, when she triumphed in a triple threat bout, and given the global demands for her to appear in America, Japan and throughout Europe there is no telling when she might next be on the radar of top UK and Peacehaven matchmakers Premier Promotions.

Amazon recently returned to Britain from a six-month tour of Japan and also appeared on the WWE network's Parade of Champions classic filmed in Florida, one of the biggest events in women's wrestling history. Her WWE profile describes her as "a wrestler who can trade wristlocks and toeholds with the best but at heart is a girl from the East End of London who loves to brawl."

The show is in aid of the Mayor of Peacehaven's charities, and tickets are available in person from the Meridian Centre or by calling 01273 585493.







Greenhavens has been busy celebrating our green spaces this summer– we have had so many events taking place across the Greenhavens that it's been difficult to keep up!

Our members were busy sharing their stories for Love your Parks, Bees Needs and Allotment Week – if you missed their fantastic stories, check them out on <https://greenhavens.network/>

Our biggest achievement this summer has been raising awareness of the existing managed wildflower verges and putting residents in touch with the right people to get professional advice on how they can improve their own verges for wildlife, we have seen a steep increase in people that want to do their bit for wildlife which is really promising.

We have a bat bio blitz early evening of the 7th September. Across a number of Greenhavens sites we are partnering up with Sussex Bat Group and Lewes District Council to survey the bats in our green spaces; Peacehaven Community Orchard is your local bat survey site. We are looking forward to discovering how many different species we find.

Our next network meeting is being held on the 4th September, 7.15pm in Seaford Baptist Church where we have three very interesting speakers. Details can be found on our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/430224887418049/>



## Changes Made to Policing in Coastal Towns



The PCSO's from Lewes who used to work Peacehaven and Newhaven have now moved back to Saxon House in Newhaven. This will enable us to be more visible across the coastal towns.

The reasoning behind this is that as we now work in a multi-agency building, therefore giving us better access to Lewes District Council, the Fire Brigade, Lewes Neighbourhood first, SCDA (an outreach facility for youths), along with other partner agencies. Over the years the Police have become a "One Stop Shop" for all sorts of calls and not always emergencies.

There is a lot of issues with let's say neighbours not getting on, for example, then this would become a housing issue rather than a Police one. The council have far more powers within their tenancy agreements etc.

If Police are required they will be on hand, but in the majority of cases, words of advice are normally sufficient. We still deal with lots of elderly/mental health residents and can inform Social Services if they need further help. So it's business as usual, but back in the Coastal Towns a lot more.

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## 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.



## C.A.T.S CLUB CELEBRATE 18 YEARS

After a survey in 2000 results showed that local residents particularly in the Collingwood Close and Trafalgar Close housing estates wanted something for their children to do afterschool. A mixed group consisting of parents and residents formed a steering group to set up a one day a week youth club. After much discussion it was decided to apply for a grant from the National Lottery and to approach Meridian School to ask if it was possible to rent the school hall. The Collingwood and Trafalgar School club was born and is known as C.A.T.S. CLUB.

On the 10th September 2001 C.A.T.S CLUB opened its doors for breakfast club for the very first time. A fully Ofsted Registered club providing Breakfast and Afterschool childcare five days a week for up-to 25 children for term time only. In 2003 it was very clear that there was an increasing need for holiday cover for parents so after a new application to Ofsted it was decided that we would run a two week trial Summer Holiday play scheme. This trial proved to be successful and we are now covering all school holidays.

C.A.T.S Club was going from strength to strength and in 2009 with the help from the Head Teacher and Governors at Meridian School we applied for an extended school grant to buy our own building with the school to be based in the school playground. After many happy years based at Meridian school we had outgrown our building and space in 2015 we moved to a central Peacehaven location but sadly were only there for a year. At this point the future of C.A.T.S club was very uncertain we had nowhere to operate from despite trying to find a place to rent.

We were very lucky to be able to hire some space from Telscombe Town Council for the summer to allow us to run our Summer Holiday Play Scheme.

While we were worrying about our future two former Peacehaven Councillors set to work to try and help they spoke with the Chairperson at Peacehaven Football Club to ask if they could realistically house us. During various meetings it was agreed with Peacehaven Town Council that we could rent a piece of unused land within the football club. During the time whilst building work was being done the football club allowed us move into their clubhouse for a year.

There was a huge task facing us because we had nothing to put on the land, and in turn needed clearing; the stinging nettles were 8ft tall and hidden old seats and scrap metal in the undergrowth had to be cleared along with a huge wall which had to be knocked down! It didn't put us off and we set to work to get the land cleared, meanwhile Bovis Homes were able to donate two shipping containers.

Our fundraising continued and we were able to buy another two shipping containers and have the track put down again to protect the football pitch. My husband worked endlessly working to convert the shipping containers to turn them into the new C.A.T.S CLUB. After further fundraising for another container we finally opened in October 2016 for our very first Play Scheme. We were at a stage where we needed a further cabin so we fundraised again for the tracks to enable the transportation across the football pitch.

We are about to celebrate 18 years of childcare, I have personally been involved since that very first steering meeting. It's strange that this summer I have employed school leavers who actually attended C.A.T.S.CLUB and even some children are joining us who had parents that also used to attend.

We have over 200 children who access the club per week, we employ ten members of staff and have been able to give local people the very best training opportunities. We have helped and supported many parents over the years for lots of reasons, C.A.T.S club is not just a childcare setting it's a family and everyone is welcome. It's not always an easy job but it is a rewarding one! We offer Affordable, Quality childcare to the parents of Peacehaven, Telscombe and the surrounding areas. I look forward to the future of C.A.T.S CLUB and us continuing to serve the community.

Vicky Phillips  
C.A.T.S CLUB Manager







## SECKA SUPREME AS PEACEHAVEN GO OUT ON PENALTIES

By Pitchside View

GOALKEEPER Alieu Secka was outstanding as Peacehaven stood toe to toe with Erith & Belvedere for the second time in 48 hours. This pulsating FA Cup replay had drama, skill, endeavour, heroics, commitment, a controversial sending off and heartache as Peacehaven were finally and narrowly squeezed out when they lost the penalty shootout.

Without exception every Peacehaven player performed over and above against a well organised and dangerous team. Up front Josh Marshall was brilliant. He took his tenth minute goal with style and confidence. The game swung from end to end and when called upon as he often was, Secka kept Peacehaven in the game with a string of superb saves.

With Peacehaven's early lead looking more tenuous by the minute, it came as no surprise when Erith equalised with a well worked goal. In the 80th minute life became even more difficult for Peacehaven when Curt Ford was shown a straight red card. Peacehaven then had to play what would be the next 40 minutes with just ten men. Extra time saw Haven put under immense pressure. In the 108th minute after a terrific goalmouth scramble Erith thought they had won it when they hit the bar.

And then it was the dreaded penalties. A special mention should be made to the youngsters who turned up to support Peacehaven. The official attendance was 210 of which 100 were under 18. A magnificent turnout from the young people of the two towns. Final score: Peacehaven & Telscombe 1, Erith & Belvedere 1 (AET). Erith & Belvedere go through 5-3 on penalties.

This month's home

games are: Saturday September 7, Steyning Town kick-off 3pm.

Tuesday September 10, AFC Uckfield Town, kick-off 7.45pm.

Entry to first team games is £7 for adults and £5 for over 65s. Under 18s get in for free.



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