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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



From The Mayor

Cllr Claude Cheta



Dear fellow Peacehaven residents,

The clock is ticking above my head and each step forward is a step closer to the exciting time of Christmas.

I am eager to celebrate this time with you and say how grateful I feel to have served you this year. 2019 was a very important year for Peacehaven. In May, new Councillors were elected and brought to the town an important influx of fresh blood, a new mindset and a new approach to the way we behave and work.

With the appointment of new council staff, our operations and institutional effectiveness have significantly improved. Today, I can confidently say that in many areas, Peacehaven Town Council is in a much better position than it was a year ago.

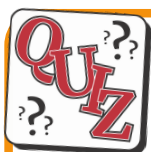
To all councillors, volunteers, community members and town council staff who worked so hard in 2019, I want to say, "THANK YOU".

I also want to share the hope of a fruitful and successful 2020.

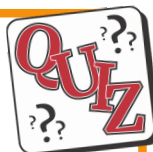
The council is working hard to make youth services more available to Peacehaven. Climate Change has been declared an emergency and is being addressed more vigorously. Working with community partners such as the House Project and the Co-op, we are mobilising more financial resources to support local causes and charities in Peacehaven.

I look forward to the good things that will happen in Peacehaven in 2020 and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Mayor
Cllr Claude Cheta



Quiz Night



General knowledge Quiz -

Friday 7th February, 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.

AFRICAN NIGHT



FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

African Food & Entertainment

Friday 22nd February

in aid of the Mayor's charity fund

Tickets are available now at just £8 for adults and £5 for children

Contact 01273 585493



From the Town Clerk



From the desk of the Town Clerk.....

I was honoured to attend this year's Remembrance service and to be asked call out the names of the fallen of Peacehaven from Both World Wars and since. This time of year has very personal memories for me and we can never fully understand and appreciate what experiences these brave people went through.

In case you had not noticed, the festive season is coming! Here at PTC you cannot help but notice it. Planning starts around June and all the Council's Elves are in full swing by November. Frankly, I am amazed by the huge amount of hard work that has gone into the various seasonal events that are put on for our residents and I am very proud of my team. Santa's Grotto looks so good that I have asked if I can keep it as my new office!

At the end of December I will have completed nine months as your Town Clerk and I am enjoying every aspect of my role. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many members of the public, most of whom are engaged in charity, voluntary, support or similar roles. The number of such organisations in Peacehaven is very impressive and I will support such activities as much as I can.

We also need to support the various businesses in our Town; this then keeps employment more local and cuts down on vehicle pollution by enabling shorter or no vehicle travel.

I have had the great pleasure of working with a Council team that is very supportive, forward looking and very experienced in all of the areas that are needed to make the Council as efficient and effective as possible, in order to make sure that the Town continues to develop into a very desirable place for employment, education, retail and recreation.

And finally a big THANK YOU! to my staff who have supported me since I joined and who are so hard working and dedicated. They each deserve a medal just for putting up with my old jokes and my quizzes on 1970's music!

Seasons Greetings to you and wishing you a prosperous New Year.

Tony.



CTLA SUPPLY TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR COUNCIL EVENTS

Community Transport will be supporting ALL Peacehaven Town Council evening events from December and throughout 2020 to enable residents to come to our events such as the very popular quiz, monthly bingo sessions and the monthly cinema. Just call their office and book your seat. The bus will pick you up from your home and take you back again for a very small fee. The contact details are as follows:-01273 517332



Legal Eagle

With Lawson Lewis Blakers

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING – AND THE LAW!

There is lots to enjoy at Christmas - quality time with family and loved ones.

It is also an expensive season. Festive cheer can be dampened if a gift turns out to be defective!

The Consumer Rights Act 2015 assists implying that goods sold will:-

1) be of “satisfactory” quality interpreted as of a reasonable standard taking into account price, etc.

2) “fit for purpose” – the purpose for which those goods are generally used.

Remedies include:

(a) “the short-term right to reject” – this is a right to return defective goods and seek a refund – this right lasts only 14 days.

(b) A right to repair, replacement or price reduction.

(c) In cases of purchases funded by a credit card (not a debit card or Amex) you may have additional remedies against the finance company.

Remember:

- Keep proof of purchase.
- Act quickly on discovering a defect.
- Consider purchasing expensive items on a credit card.

This can be a simple summary of the law only.

Happy Christmas!

Please contact us if we can assist you by telephone 01273 582680 or submit an enquiry via our website.

Our website – www.lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk offers hundreds of free factsheets on many legal issues.

www.peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

SLEEPING BEAUTY synopsis

Kingdom of Inajiffy

The King and Queen of Inajiffy are shocked when evil witch Wasere places a curse on their daughter Katrina. On her eighteenth birthday the Princess will prick her finger on a spindle and die. The good fairies are able to have this spell commuted: she will just sleep for a hundred years. The curse is duly fulfilled despite all the King and Queen's efforts. The Princess and everyone in the castle falls asleep and the castle is surrounded by a vast forest. But fear not, for help is on the way in the shape of Prince Stephan aided by Katrina's brother Prince Arfer, and a happy ending is assured.



PERFORMANCES:

Friday 6th December 7pm

Saturday 7th December 2pm & 6pm

Meridian Centre, Peacehaven

Tickets available on-line at www.peacehavenplayers.co.uk,
Peacehaven Information Office, Telscombe Civic Centre
or by phone: 033 666 3366

BINGO



Bingo evening in aid of the Mayor's charities.

February 21st Starts at 7.pm.

8 games for £4 + flyer and snowball games.

Main Hall Community House.

Cash Prizes, Free refreshments.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Another bumper Christmas event has been arranged for Peacehaven residents and friends on Saturday 14th December. Almost 90 stalls selling Christmas crafts and gifts have been booked and will set up at Community House and the Meridian Centre Mall.

A full entertainment programme has also been arranged. Father Christmas will be ready to see his little visitors from 9.00am and the café will be serving scrumptious refreshments all day.

This year Peacehaven's Annual Carol Concert will take place at 3.45pm on Friday 13th December in the Main Hall, Community House, Meridian Centre. Free tickets for the event will be available from the Information Office.

CHRISTMAS INFORMATION FROM LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL



Lewes District Council

Christmas tree recycling

If you're enjoying a real Christmas tree this year, don't forget to recycle it. Just bring it along to Piddinghoe Avenue car park by Sunday 19 January for it to be collected and recycled locally into soil conditioner.

Christmas leftovers

Planning ahead for your Christmas meals can help cut down on waste and save you money, but all your peelings and food scraps can be recycled via separate food waste collections. If you aren't already part of the scheme head to lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/FoodWaste to order your starter kit in time for Christmas.

Christmas wrapping

Christmas cards and wrapping paper can usually be recycled, except plastic or metallic ones – scrunch it up in your hand and if it stays scrunched then it can be recycled! Remember to remove any bows, ribbons or other decorations as these can't be recycled, but they can often be saved for next year.

Christmas bin collections

All Christmas recycling and garden waste collections will be carried out as shown on your collection calendar. Check changes to non-recyclable rubbish collections or download your recycling calendar online at lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/BinDay.

MERIDIAN EVENING WOMEN'S WI

Meridian Evening Women's Institute Peacehaven, more than jam and Jerusalem.

We're the only WI in Peacehaven meeting in the evening. Because of this we have a great mix of members, some working full or part time and some retired. We're also unusual as a group, as we have two presidents, Norma and Angela. This year, at our AGM in October, Norma spoke of how as a group we are a connected, collaborative and caring community.

The WI organisation was established to support and help women, it has a history of caring for its members, these principles are just as important to us today.

As a group we like to get out and about, we've visited the theatre, have a supper group going to local restaurants, visited local places of interest and supported local events.

We like to be involved in our local community, some of our members attended the Remembrance Sunday parade and laid a wreath made by the craft group.

On December 14th we will be at the Christmas Fayre, running our popular bottle tombola to raise funds. We regularly host coffee mornings in the Meridian Centre foyer, where our cakes are extremely popular and sell quickly.

We're always ready to welcome and involve new members. If you are interested in joining you can contact us by email at meridianeveningwi@outlook.com, come and have a chat when we're doing our bottle tombola and coffee mornings or just pop along to one of our meetings.

Our meetings are held at Peacehaven Meridian Centre, in the Anzac Room, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7.15 pm for 7.30pm til 9.45pm, with regular speakers and activities. The speakers vary but are never allowed to speak for too long, while our activities have ranged from salsa dancing to cooking. No singing is required or knowledge of jam making!

Picture, Members of craft group making poppies for Remembrance Sunday.

From Sussex Police



With Christmas just around the corner, I would just like to take this opportunity for a timely seasonal reminder about "Drink Driving", or being under the influence of any other substance.

Firstly, consider the impact an accident may have on not just you, but other people. Drink if you want to, but get a taxi or any other mode of transport home. Do not get behind the wheel of a car if you have been drinking or Sussex Police will maybe having words.

Remember if you have a house full of presents, do not leave them on display. That is an invitation for an opportunist burglar if you are not home. Keep valuables out of sight and please ensure that you have adequate security measures in place around your home.

Do you have an elderly neighbour living alone next to you? How about doing the right thing and checking on their safety, security and welfare over the Christmas period. There are far too many vulnerable people within our communities with no one to help them.

Other than all that, have a safe and Happy Christmas 2019 and I look forward to seeing you all next year.



LEWES DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE 12 TIPS FOR CHRISTMAS:

citizens
advice

- 1) Plan early: Plan how much you are going to spend on each person and stick to it.
- 2) Don't forget everyday bills: It may be Christmas, but keep on top of priority bills, such as rent and council tax.
- 3) Think twice about overdrafts: Don't run up an overdraft without first chatting to your bank
- 4) Keep it simple: Pay for your goods with cash or a debit card if you can.
- 5) Shop around: Look for the best price and buy only what you want, not what others say you need.
- 6) Avoid unauthorised lenders: Borrowing from loan sharks is never a good idea
- 7) ... and unauthorised traders: Whatever the deal, don't buy from unauthorised traders
- 8) Read the small print: Check credit agreements for hidden extras and work out the total amount to repay.
- 9) Do your own credit checks: If you plan to use a credit card, shop around
- 10) Be organised: If you've borrowed, repayment will be due before you know it. Make sure you make at least the minimum repayment or you'll be hit with charges.
- 11) Start planning for next Christmas: It may sound crackers, but just after Christmas is the best time to start saving.
- 12) Get help if you're worried: We can give you solid, free and impartial debt advice online, over the phone and face-to-face.

Notes to editors:

1. The Citizens Advice service comprises a network of local bureaux, all of which are independent charities and the national charity Citizens Advice. Together we help people resolve their money, debt, legal and other problems by providing information and advice and by influencing policy makers. For more information please visit our website www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk. We are also on Twitter @lewescab1.
2. The advice provided by the Citizens Advice service is free, independent, confidential and impartial and is available to everyone regardless of race, sex, disability, sexual orientation, religion, age of nationality.
3. The majority of our staff are trained volunteers, working at around 3,500 offices across England & Wales.

Peacehaven Cinema



The film 'Judy' will be shown at the Town Council's cinema in the main hall, Community House, Meridian Centre on Wednesday, 22nd January, 19.30.

Tickets are available from the Information Office £5.

Thirty years after starring in "The Wizard of Oz," beloved actress and singer Judy Garland arrives in London to perform sold-out shows at the Talk of the Town nightclub. While there, she reminisces with friends and fans and begins a whirlwind romance with musician Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband.



BOXING DAY DERBY BONANZA

By Pitchside View

THIS year's Boxing Day fixture for Peacehaven & Telscombe FC sees them face local rivals Newhaven at home in an 11am kick-off.

Games between these two old rivals are always eagerly anticipated by the fans and keenly contested by the players especially when the fixture falls over the Christmas period.

So when you're making your festive plans this Christmas and if these plans include a football match, you know where to come.

Entry is £7 for adults, £5 for over 65s and under 18s get in for free. The bar and snack bar will both be open.



BARRATT HOMES CASH BOOST

Peacehaven and Telscombe FC has received a cash boost from local house builder Barratt Homes. Their £900 donation is a result of Barratt Southern Counties' pledge to support the football club's ongoing campaign to raise £15,000 to repair structural issues with the clubhouse.

The house builder kick-started fundraising in December last year with an initial donation of £1000 and committed to donating £100 per home for the first 50 homes sold at its Chalkers Rise development in the town.

Lynnette St-Quintin (pictured left), sales director for Barratt Southern Counties, said: "Since our initial donation last December, we are pleased to have been able to work with Peacehaven and Telscombe Football Club and offer our support towards their fundraising efforts through the sales of our new homes at Chalkers Rise." "The club is a central part of the local community in Peacehaven, and we hope to continue to bring awareness to their fundraising efforts."

Peacehaven and Telscombe FC chair Sue Norwood (pictured right) said: "We are extremely pleased to have Barratt Homes continued support at our club." "For as well as being the first team shirt sponsor for the second season, their help with our roof fundraising appeal is vital to us and very much appreciated by everyone at the club."

As well as the Boxing Day home fixture, Peacehaven are also at home on Friday December 6 against Little Common in a 7.45pm kick-off.

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.peacehavenfootball.com on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



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