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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



From The Mayor

Cllr Claude Cheta



Dear Peacehaven residents,

I hope you started the new year very well and are back to your daily routine after the excitement of the festive season.

In Peacehaven Town Council, we had an early start and I am pleased to confirm that at its meeting on 14 January 2020, the Council resolved to adopt its budget for the 2020/21 financial year and to request a Council Tax Requirement from Lewes District Council.

We know how accountable we are to you, and in making its decision the Council considered your previous feedback and queries. We also considered the need to fully engage with other authorities and take advantage of new opportunities to bring funding and appropriate development to the Town. In practical terms, there will be an increase in the Council Tax of approximately £1.71 per household (Band D equivalent), per month.

Speaking to you recently, I understand that you are frustrated and want to know more about what is going on with the Meridian Centre. Peacehaven Town Councillors and staff are equally frustrated at not being able to give you more details about what is happening, and we know that this is negatively affecting local businesses and residents.

What we know is that the Co-Op estates group is seeking bids to buy its assets on this site and that an initial bid by Lewes District Council had been rejected. This lack of feedback is due to the commercial confidentiality required in such matters. We have written to the Co-Op to express the need to be fully informed in order to better communicate with you. We will make sure that any future news is publicised as soon as it is received.

We also take note of your concerns regarding the reduced service on Bus 14C and will liaise with relevant stakeholders to make sure your views are heard.

It gives me courage and hope to see how well councillors and staffs are working together to help the Mayor fundraise for its charities. Please kindly note the following up-coming events:

- Bingo 21st February and 6th March.
- African Night, with full entertainment & wonderful food on 22nd February
- Wrestling event on 14th March.

As you see, there are many challenges and we must thank the Council staff and Councillors for their determination to work together to deliver the best possible outcome to you. I must also thank you for your patience and support to all events organised so far.



FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AFRICAN NIGHT



Following the very successful Curry Night the next Foods from Around the World event will be an African Night, to be held on Saturday 22nd February at 6.00pm.

Tickets are available from the Information Office at just £8 for adults and £5 for children.

A full entertainment programme has been arranged and a selection of African food will be available, an alternative English dish will be on offer.

Guaranteed to be a fun evening don't miss out on this spectacular event.

Please support the evening as any profits made will be in aid of the Mayor's four charities: Kempton House Day Centre, CTLA, Chillax and Know Dementia.

PEACEHAVEN OPEN GARDENS

Peacehaven Open Gardens will take place over the weekend 4th & 5th July from 1 - 5pm.

Have you ever thought of opening your garden for charity?

We are looking for residents who love their garden and would like to join us opening for St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne. Any size garden will be suitable, you don't have to live in Kew Gardens!!

So if you would like to join us this year please contact Alison on 01273 589502 before the end of March so she can add you to the list.

The event is kindly sponsored by Paradise Park, Newhaven.

PEACEHAVEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Have you ever thought about joining your local Residents Association?

We usually meet every month and if you have any queries about Peacehaven maybe we can help you get the answer. Our Committee Members regularly attend Town Council Meetings and may have the info you would like.

Membership for the year is £3 per household. For any further information please contact Alison on 01273 589502.

WRESTLING RETURNS TO PEACEHAVEN



Jonny Storm is one of the stars who will be in action on the next grappling spectacular on March 14.

Said matchmaker John Freemantle, of Premier Promotions: "We have been trying to book Jonny Storm for a Peacehaven show ever since our first event at the Meridian Centre in 2013, but he is rarely free to accept Saturday dates in England because of his commitments on the Continent.

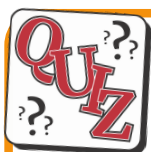
"We have finally managed to snare him ... after seven years!"

High flyer Storm, the "Wonder Kid" of wrestling and reigning Premier Wrestling Federation lightweight champion, will be among the big names involved in an American Rumble spectacular.

The line-up will also include the newly-crowned PWF heavyweight title-holder Josh Faulkner, who beat former European champion James Mason at Worthing before Christmas to become the youngest holder of the championship in the history of the heavyweight division.

Tickets are available in person from the Meridian Centre or by calling 01273 585493.

Our thanks to Aquarius Solutions for sponsoring the event.



Quiz Night

General knowledge Quiz -
Friday 3rd April, 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.

ART GROUP



**Monday Mornings at the Meridian Centre,
Peacehaven 10am-1.00pm £10 a session,**

All abilities welcome (Beginners / Intermediate/
Experienced)

Art tutor with 20 years experience of teaching and a lifetime
of loving art

Individual 1 to 1 tuition, support and guidance to help
develop skills and creativity.

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GROUND'S PERSON VACANCY

This role will work with the Parks officer to ensure the optimal playing quality of the sports surfaces as well as the overall appearance and presentation of the town's amenity areas. The position requires 'hands-on' operational experience combined with a flexible approach to meet the on-going seasonal demands. The ability to be self-motivated and work unsupervised is a key requirement of the role, the successful applicants will have the physical ability to lift, carry and perform other physical tasks daily.

Main Responsibilities

This job description indicates only the main duties and responsibilities of the post. It is not intended as an exhaustive list;

- *Undertake horticultural practices to gardens and borders*
- *Undertaking all grass cutting and general grounds maintenance*
- *Schedule testing and maintenance of all the grounds maintenance equipment in accordance with current guidelines*
- *Responsibilities for site security as required*
- *Work with the parks officer to derive long term and short-term schedules of work*
- *Ensure the site and working areas are always kept tidy*
- *Work flexible hours if required and working as part of the team or as alone worker*
- *Work collaboratively with the wider grounds team raising the profile of the team across the town*
- *Communication as required to all relevant stakeholders/ public*

Job Type: Full-time, Permanent, 37 hours per week, with a 6 month probationary period.

Salary: from £18,795 p/a dependent on experience

Experience:

- Full UK driving licence (Essential)
- Groundskeeping: 1 year (Preferred)
- Experience on ride on mowers (preferred)

Peacehaven Town Council have signed up to be carbon neutral by 2030 and all employees are expected to help in working towards this goal.

Closing date 14th February 2020

For further information or to request an application form, please contact Peacehaven town council on 01273 585493 or by email at parksofficer@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk



From the Town Clerk



From the desk of the Town Clerk....

Christmas, when was that? Yes, it already seems a long time ago, but I want to record that the Christmas Bazaar was probably one of the most successful and well attended ever held. The market was bustling and the queues to see Santa were very long. Added to this were the other events held around this time, including the carol service, which was held earlier in the day this year to include the tiny tots.

These events, and others, do not happen by magic (well apart from Santa?) are the result of a lot of hard work behind the scenes and I cannot praise the PTC staff highly enough for their sterling efforts and their many talents which make these things possible.

After Christmas the whole team joined in the maintenance, repairs, deep cleaning and painting in Community House and other areas of the Council's estate. We have to close Community House to do this for safety reasons and it means that the work can be done quickly in a relatively quiet period. Here again we had a massive effort from the multi-skilled staff team.

We now look forward to the rest of the year and already the planning of the Summer Fair has started.

Best regards,

Tony

From the MP Lloyd Russell-Moyle

At the beginning of January a leak by Southern Water at the Rottingdean crossroads caused absolute chaos for commuters. Many of you couldn't get to work and some waited in traffic for hours. Although on this occasion the traffic was caused by an accident, many of us who use the A259 know that the road is simply not up to scratch.

The Government has set up a strategic oversight body called Transport for the South East which after lobbying have now upgraded the A259 to a major road in their strategic planning. After the latest incident I have asked for a further meeting with representatives from Local Council and Transport for the South East to ask what more can be done to alleviate pressure on the A259.

I will update residents when I have more information, there is not going to be any easy solution but after years of neglect it is time we started having a coordinated response to this problem that seems to be only getting worse.



MERIDIAN EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PEACEHAVEN

Following our very busy 2019 we're looking forward to an equally busy 2020. The next meeting is on 26 February when our speaker will be Ben, a local fisherman. Ben will be talking about Recycle/Reuse, although a very current topic today, it is something WI's have been interested in and putting into practice for years. I know we'll all be keen to hear more about the subject from Ben and our competition reflects this as it is 'a favourite recycled object'. Giving all of us a chance to show off our favourite way to recycle.

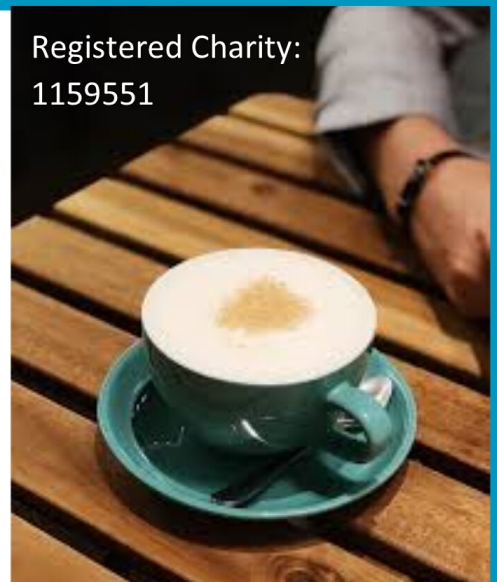
The craft group are busy planning the entry for the South of England show later this year. This group meets every month, on the first Tuesday, 10.00 -12.00, the community room at the House Project. Next meeting is on Tuesday 4 February.

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 or just come to one of our meetings.

These 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. There is a monthly competition, raffle, tea and coffee and plenty of chat. No singing is required or knowledge of jam making!



Registered Charity:
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Launching 3rd March 1.30pm
Peacehaven Meridian Centre

ALL WELCOME!

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Employment Law, whether you are an employee or an employer, is often overlooked, but the pitfalls are surprisingly easy to avoid. We can assist with:

- If you are an employer – ensuring you have the correct contracts, handbooks, and policies in place to avoid the risk of claims being brought against you in the Employment Tribunal.
- If you are an employee – ensuring your contractual, or statutory, rights have not been breached or ignored, and the ways of addressing this.
- If you are an employer – the preparing of Settlement Agreement packages for your departing employees so as to give you confidence that you are not vulnerable to litigation.
- If you are an employee- advising you on Settlement Agreement packages so that you are entering into them with your eyes open.

We advise on all aspects of Employment Law - Chris Kingham, Employment Law Solicitor, will be pleased to advise.

Please telephone on: 01273 582 680 or Email: chris.kingham@lawsonlewisblakers.co.uk for a free half an hour appointment.

www.peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

'We are not going anywhere' - This Peacehaven day centre has been running for more than 50 years

Kempton House Day Centre, in Cavell Avenue, Peacehaven prepares lunch three times a week and organises quizzes, games, discussions, and outings regularly for its members. Transportation is also provided by the centre.

Although the Age UK day club at the centre will be closing from January 31, the lunches and events will continue to provide an opportunity for socialising and exploring.

"We are not going anywhere," said Sue Hill, a trustee at the centre.

"We have been running for over 50 years to help the elderly in the area, running a lunch club three days a week and other activities weekly."

The centre will run a weekly support group to replace the Age UK day club from Tuesday, February 4 between 10am-3pm.

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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ONLINE PARCEL DELIVERY

citizens
advice

Does this sound familiar? I bought a present from an online store and paid extra for next day delivery; it hasn't arrived. I tried to contact the delivery company but couldn't speak to anyone. The online store said my parcel is with the delivery company and should arrive soon. If it doesn't arrive soon, I don't want it. What can I do?

You paid for next day delivery so your goods should be delivered on the agreed date. Because you bought something from a business to be delivered to you, it's the seller's responsibility to make sure the item is delivered.

As the seller used a courier, they should chase the courier to find out what's happened to your order. Under the Consumer Rights Act, you can ask the seller to deliver the item again if the item wasn't delivered by the agreed date.

Or:

Cancel your original order and reorder it again from the same or a new online store

Check if a local store stocks the item(s)

Keep trying to contact the delivery company via tracking tools/phone/email

To cancel your order: Cancel and ask for your money back because you haven't received your goods on the agreed date. Tell the seller that what has happened to your order is "a breach of contract under the Consumer Rights Act 2015" - as the delivery date was essential and they didn't meet it.

Find useful template letters and your rights on the Citizens Advice website

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG WALKER

TAKE THE LEAD

southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead



KEEP YOUR DOG ON THE LEAD
NEAR LIVESTOCK



BAG AND BIN YOUR DOG POO
- ANY BIN WILL DO



STICK TO THE PATH TO AVOID
GROUND NESTING BIRDS



DO NOT ENTER MILITARY LAND
WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING



PEACEHAVEN IN ACTION

BY PITCHSIDE VIEW

THE football club is very fortunate to have a brilliant photographer in Steve Mills who gives up his time to cover many Peacehaven games. Below are a small selection of his superb pictures.



February home games are: Saturday February 8, v Crawley Down Gatwick. Saturday February 22 v Broadbridge Heath. Both games kick-off at 3pm. Check the club's website for any rearranged fixtures which may have been added.

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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