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From The Mayor

Cllr Claude Cheta

Dear Peacehaven residents,

Last week, we held a two minutes silence and lighted a candle to commemorate one year into lockdown. This gave me the opportunity to reflect on our collective journey during this pandemic, and to remember Peacehaven residents who lost their lives, a loved one, or their livelihoods during this time. We will always remember you. We will always be with you.

As we progressively ease the lockdown, I am still grateful to all volunteers, key workers and special people who worked very hard to keep our community alive during this time. Thank you.

Above all, I am very proud to rediscover how much talent we have in Peacehaven. I had the privilege to judge the wonderful Easter hats last week and was very impressed by the high quality of art work produced by our children. Well done to all who took part in the competition.

Another moment of pride is when I heard the good news that Peacehaven Town Council's Civic Office received a Commended Award for the work achieved to support the Mayor throughout the Pandemic. This is a wonderful recognition and an encouragement to all who go that extra mile to serve their community. Well done.

Our journey during lockdown has been bumpy, but the goodness in our heart has been stronger. We have experienced darkness, but the light is getting brighter and brighter. It is with hope that I look forward to the days ahead. I wish you a happy and peaceful Easter.

FROM PCSO- CHRIS MARCHANT

We have had a good response from members of the public regarding the Motor Bikes in and around the local parks. Anything further would also be appreciated as safety is paramount regarding this issue.

There seems to be a rise in the number of people receiving SCAM calls .

Please remember that banks or building societies will not be asking you for your bank details over the phone. At the moment HMRC Scams are being received on mobile phones, with either threats stating that you must pay an amount or potentially be subject to arrest. HMRC does not operate like that . I personally have received a couple of texts recently saying that I was due for a tax rebate and to follow a link provided.

For elderly people this can be a frightening experience and people can be easily "Duped" as the Scammers can be very convincing at times, but remain vigilant and DO NOT follow any on-line instructions.

Please call 101 and let the Police deal with it. Particularly if you have older parents, put some safeguarding in place and perhaps look into things like Power of Attorney, or Hi-light elderly parents vulnerabilities to their banks, who can put additional security on their accounts.









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

As you read this, well over half of our residents will have had their first Covid vaccination and many will also have had their second jab. I must say that I felt a sense of relief and hope when I had my first jab.

As we work our way through the Government's timetable for coming out of lockdown 3, it is a very detailed process, bearing in mind that virtually all activities have ben closed for a whole year. Within the Government's guidelines, the Council will reinstate services and activities as soon as is practically possible, but with the safety of its residents, Councillors and staff being uppermost in its thinking.

Peacehaven is a beautiful place, particularly for its access to the sea and countryside. Due to lockdown, commercial companies have also become aware of this and you may have noticed various groups filming around the Town over the last few months. This is a win/win situation for the Town as such activities will attract visitors, increase business and generate income for the Town Council. Modern Councils have to become income generators so that there is less dependence on our Council Tax payers.

Finally, many congratulations to our Civic Officer, Deborah Donovan, who has been awarded a Commendation Certificate from the National Civic Officers Association for her work in supporting the Town's Mayor in his official and community work. This is a well deserved award as Deborah works tirelessly in this respect.

COUNCIL MEETING'S THIS MONTH

TUESDAY 6TH PLANNING & HIGHWAYS 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 7TH BUSINESS PLANNING & E-COMMS 7.30PM TUESDAY 13TH POLICY & FINANCE 7.30PM TUESDAY 20TH FULL COUNCIL 7.30PM TUESDAY 27TH PLANNING & HIGHWAYS 7.30PM

All Council meetings are open for public to attend and watch. If you would like to attend a virtual meeting please email: townclerk@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

Civic Office Awarded Commendation Certificate



Civic officer Deborah Donovan has worked for Peacehaven Town Council for 18 years. She has supported the Mayor for the past 9 years, managing his diary, arranging events and co-ordinating his charity work. Debbie is a member of the National Civic Officers Association and sits on their executive board.

During 2020 since the first lockdown Debbie was assigned to work from home and found that she was able to carry out her duties with ease, although she felt that the mayor needed to maintain a high profile.

Together with her colleague Matt Gunn they encouraged the Mayor Cllr. Claude Cheta to create activities which would include residents, along with maintaining support for his charity, the SCDA food bank. This was achieved by adhering to the government's guidelines, by organising a 5k run throughout August, establishing other safe fundraising events and various visits to our local businesses and organisations.

Throughout the three lockdowns, the Mayor's profile was highlighted and residents in Peacehaven were kept updated with information through videos and news reports via social media and the council's website.

Deborah submitted a summary of what the Civic Office achieved in 2020 to the National Civic Officers Association, this was recognised throughout the UK and at a recent conference Deborah was awarded a Commendation Certificate for her work supporting the Town's First Citizen.

PTC would like to thank Debbie & her team for achieving such a prestigious award and for putting our town on the map.

Deborah is delighted that Peacehaven has been recognised over so many other Civic offices in the Country. She said, This is down to a great support team and a fantastic Mayor who holds his position with great passion and care with the need to connect with all Peacehaven residents. This award could not have been achieved without such an enthusiastic and compassionate Mayor, thank you Claude'

The paper can be viewed by **<u>clicking here</u>**

Front page picture features Debbie with her certificate.

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FROM THE MP-LLOYD RUSSELL-MOYLE



One of the biggest complaints that I get locally is the state of our roads, and the worry that increasing developments will further deteriorate our local infrastructure.

I share these concerns, that's why either Section 106 or Community Infrastructure Levies are placed on developers requiring them to put aside money for our local area to improve Peacehaven and mitigate any impact of developments.

The problem is that for the last two years East Sussex County Council has not spent this money. They have £154,922.95 held for them by Lewes District council, but two years on and with only 6 months before they have to give the money back to the developers they have forgotten to spend a penny on Peacehaven.

That's why I wrote to East Sussex County Council this month, asking them to urgently sit down with Peacehaven Town Council who are determined to improve our roads, paths and tracks across the town.

East Sussex Confirmed to me that they had no plan on spending this money on any improvements, but that they were going to spend yet more money on consultants on work which should be covered by your and my taxes.

After my intervention they have agreed to meet with Peacehaven Town Council and I can now say, because of pressure from you and me we have got them to consider actually improving some of our roads, road lighting and paths across the town.

If you have issues that are bugging you, or infrastructure you think money should be spent on, please contact me and we will push your corner to the County Council when they, often, forget our end of the county.



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MEET YOUR LOCAL WARD COUNCILLOR East Ward

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I was elected to Peacehaven Town Council in the May 2019 elections; having been a Telscombe Town councillor since March 2018 after a by-election there. I live in Peacehaven and so it seemed the natural next step to stand here. I only moved to Peacehaven in 2012, having previously lived in Hertfordshire where I was a teacher, teaching Religious Studies at senior school level.

Moving here with my new family and working from home as a self-employed artist and musician, I didn't really get to know anyone in the area for the first few years, so becoming involved in local politics was a great way for me to both meet new people and find out what our area is all about.

I am on a number of committees and am currently Chair of Planning and Highways. I am really enjoying this role; it has given me a lot of insight into the issues that our town faces and I see buildings in a new light now as I walk around town.

Like most other Peacehaven residents, I want to see the Meridian Centre become a thriving town centre, and, along with other councillors and officers, am fighting hard to get the best result we can for the town.

My other areas of interest include education - as well as being an ex-teacher, I am now foster carer to 2 grand daughters who attend one of our local schools - and also environmental issues; I walk, cycle and use the buses, and avoid single use items in favour of things that can be reused and recycled wherever possible.

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

It is that time of year to start mowing the lawn, but it is best to do this on dry days.

Do you fancy growing your own veg? You can plant early potatoes (will crop in June/July) now along with onions and shallots.

If you have perennials (plants which come up every year), you can now lift and divide the overgrown clumps and cut them back to make way for new growth. Evergreens will also need a trim and if you are a fan of rhodedendrums you can give them a light prune after flowering. If you have hostas you can now divide them before they come into leaf.

If you have winter flowering pansies don't forget to continue dead heading them and they should continue to flower into spring and early summer if you are lucky.

This time of year is ideal to plant herbaceous perennials like geranium and oriental poppies.

Pots and containers will benefit from topping up with fresh compost, and check to see if they need watering as they shouldn't be left to dry out.

Would you like colour in the summer months, if yes, it's time to plant the bulbs.

Do keep an eye on the weather as we can still have frosts!







Piece from:





HOW PEACEHAVEN CHANGED MY LIFE- BY JON DUDLEY

I confess to feeling rather a fraud being asked to chronicle the connections which my in-laws had with Peacehaven, but I'll try.

I live in Peacehaven simply because I married the daughter of Bob Copper, who was born in Rottingdean in January 1915 and lived in Peacehaven until his passing in 2004. Bob was a true village boy, indeed the Copper Family can trace their history in Rottingdean back until at least 1593 where there is a record of a Copper (spelt 'Copere' in those days) marriage in the parish records. The Coppers have been well known as singers of traditional English folk songs for many generations and what makes them unique is that many of these songs are sung in harmony – unusual in the English tradition. They were shepherds and farm labourers on the farms around Rottingdean although one ancestor was a Copyholder of a small farm in the Saltdean Valley in the 18th century. The current generations of Coppers, some of whom live in Peacehaven maintain the tradition by singing in folk clubs and festivals and have also recorded and broadcast on TV and radio. They have also toured extensively in the U.S.A.



As a young man, Bob would frequent the pubs of Rottingdean with his friends, and one summer's evening in the late 1930's, amongst a group of girls who were socializing in 'The White Horse', his eye was taken by a particularly attractive blonde. That girl, from Peacehaven, was Joan Deal, and she was eventually to become his wife. Joan had been born in Battersea but had suffered from Asthma and on doctor's advice it was recommended that she would fare better being away from the foul air of London. At this point fate played a hand and a friend of her father, Mr.Hodgkisson, had recently acquired 'The Kenya Club' (previously 'Shepherd's Restaurant') in Peacehaven. Bert Deal, Joan's father was offered the job of manager and the club was re-named 'The Central Club'. Sadly, returning from a visit to inspect his acquisition, Hodgkisson was killed in a motorcycle accident. Subsequently, Bert Deal purchased the business from his employer's family for just under two thousand pounds. The Deal family took up residence on 29th September 1929.

Bob and Joan were married in Piddinghoe in 1941 and as Bob was by now serving with the police force in Worthing, took a police house there. Their daughter Jill was born in there in 1944 and son John in 1949. In 1946, Bert Deal offered the business to Bob and Joan which they accepted and thenceforth ran the Central Club until Bob semi-retired to a small Bungalow in the North of Peacehaven in 1973. Incidentally, the bungalow, Broom Cottage, had been bought in 1962 as a 'hideaway' with an acre of land for some two thousand pounds! They discovered upon taking possession that the roof space was full of tobacco – proper home-grown Peacehaven tobacco leaves curing in the rafters!

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Jill and I were married in the early 1970s and lived for a while in a mobile home in the garden of Broom Cottage. Even at that time there was no real development of the North of Peacehaven and only Roderick Avenue was properly surfaced right up to its junction with Telscombe Road, and then only because the bus ran that far. There was still a lingering sense of the old early pioneer spirit that the early dwellers must have felt and everyone was very neighbourly. The writing was on the wall however and the inevitable building on 'unclaimed' plots of land was gaining pace shortly followed by the large-scale developments at Heathy Brow and Ambleside Avenue to the West. Eventually all the gaps were filled and the old Peacehaven was lost forever, all except for the area North of Telscombe Road where the Valley and the Lookout still carry the trademarks of the early settlers. It seems obvious that this are too will soon fall prey to housing.

The Copper's link with Peacehaven is still there. Jill's brother John is secretary of 'The Central Club' in the town, a position held for close to fifty years. The family is still singing, now with our grandchildren. For a period we held monthly 'Folk Nights' at the Club and attracted singers from all over the U.K. and beyond, and nowadays we have an occasional singaround at our home in North Peacehaven.

Bob Copper's house was within a couple of minutes of the Downs surrounding Telscombe Village and he walked them extensively, ranging as far as Firle, Alfriston and Plumpton – even in his early 80's he would think nothing of a walk to Lewes via Kingston! His ashes were scattered at his favourite spot on Telscombe Tye looking towards Mount Caburn and beyond. He can just about see his old home too where he can keep a watchful eye on us! He loved this place and so do we - the moral of this must be 'Peacehaven air is good for you!'

Zoe Malone Financial Administrator



So our financial year is coming to a close and as Finance Officer for Peacehaven Town Council I am busy finalising the accounts to close down and prepare for audit.

It's been a strange year, with working from home for most of it and adapting our processes to ensure we remain as efficient as we always have been but we have managed, like thousands of others and we are proud of what we have managed to achieve.

We have proudly supported a number of small community groups who did not fall into the governments grant schemes and we are very much looking forward to seeing these groups soon.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with facilities expected to reopen and seeing our residents again soon.



TELSCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP



A statement from the Peacehaven and Telscombe neighbourhood development steering group the proposed plans for the meridian centre presented by HDD(Preferred developer for the COOP)

The Steering Group welcomed an early opportunity to discuss the Meridian Site with HDD.

We advised HDD that their plans did not fulfil the Vision for the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) or the views of residents expressed in the Master planning Survey or earlier Surveys. We emphasised that this was an opportunity to develop a vibrant Town Centre to be used by all age groups ,an opportunity to create a centre to encourage local people to use the facilities throughout the day and evening.

A true destination with a greater number of retail units, a library, café's and restaurants, improved community space , public realm, public transport, cycle paths with walkways and green infrastructure improvements. A housing mix reflecting and meeting local needs for affordable housing for all ages.

A sustainable Town Centre reducing local dependence on the A259.

We have given our views to HDD but they want yours. Please do the survey and encourage others to do so. The views of the young count as this is a redevelopment which will affect them for the next 50 years plus.

HDD Meridian Centre Website: <u>http://www.hddmeridiancentre.co.uk/</u>

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Website: <u>https://www.peacehaven-and-telscombe-neighbourhood-plan-steering-group.co.uk/</u>

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK THAT SOMETHING IS A SCAM?

Unfortunately, we've seen an increase in scams since the beginning of the pandemic. Here are some steps you can take to help protect yourself, friends and family.

Currently common scams we're seeing are about bogus testing kits, coronavirus vaccinations and government refunds or fines. Check messages coming from unusual email addresses or phone numbers, and don't click on any links. Remember, coronavirus tests and vaccinations are provided free by the NHS.

Other scam warning signs are:

- You suspect you're not dealing with a real company e.g., if there's no postal address
- You've been asked to transfer money quickly or to pay in an unusual way e.g., by iTunes vouchers or through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union
- You've been asked to give away personal information e.g., passwords or PINs
- You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed

If you think something is a scam you should hang up the phone, close the website, or shut the front door. Never feel pressured to make a decision straight away, don't give out personal details or money unless you're certain that you trust that person. If you feel threatened or unsafe you can ring 999.

For help with online scams, contact a Citizens Advice Scams Action adviser by calling 0808 250 5050. For more information about other types of scams, visit the Citizens Advice website www.eastsussexcab.co.uk

LOVE YOUR WILD VERGE

Love your Wild Verge? Love your Wild Front Garden? Put a BLUE heart in the ground made out of re-cycled materials to show that you CARE for nature.

A blue heart symbol, made out of recycled materials, is staked in the ground over the area being rewilded. This communicates to neighbours and friends that rewilding is in process (and that it is not just the owner or council being lazy!) The campaign is now partnered with Keep Britain Tidy and Eco-Schools England The campaign promotes the rewilding of our gardens, parks, road verges and school grounds. It suggests that a part of this ground is set aside and left to grow through the summer.

Find out more at: https://bluecampaignhub.com/

GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Council is inviting applications from voluntary / community groups, registered charities, not for profit organisations or Community interest Companies (CIC) for a grant that can help provide prompt and tangible support/service for the benefit of the people of Peacehaven.

For more details please email the Town Clerk on: <u>townclerk@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk</u>

Closing date for applications is 13th April 2021.

To see who benefited from our last round of grants please click the following link: <u>https://bit.ly/3smvUsB</u>





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EASTER BONNET SUCCESS

The Mayor was delighted to judge twelve artistic Easter Bonnets, all which showed great talent. The winner will receive a voucher and other entries will receive an Easter egg; all prizes can be collected from the information office along with the bonnets from Tuesday 6th April. Well done to everyone who took part!

Below are a few picture of our wonderful entries:



HAVENS COMMUNITY HUB SUPPORTS LOCAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



In July 2020, Chancellor Rishi Sunak announced the £2bn Kickstart Scheme which provides six months of funding to employers to create job placements for 16 to 24-year-olds receiving Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment.

The Havens Community Hub, in conjunction with the Sussex Chamber of Commerce, was one of the first organisations in Sussex to sign up to the scheme when it opened for applications in September 2020. Having already filled their first role since the positions were advertised at the start of March, they are encouraging more potential applicants to come forward via the Jobcentre Plus to apply for other Kickstart placements available in the Lewes District.

As well as getting at least 25 hours of employment per week at national minimum wage or higher, young people taking part will receive on-the-job training, skills development, and mentoring.

Hub Community Manager, Dawn Norman, said "youth unemployment can have longstanding implications for future employment and wages. We know young people are leaving education into an extremely difficult job market, made worse by the pandemic, so we are happy to become part of the local solution through the Kickstart scheme. We know our Kickstart placements will enjoy climbing the first rung of the jobs ladder with us on their way to sustainable and successful careers."

For more details about the Kickstart Scheme, go to https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/kickstart/



TOWN MAYOR DROPS IN BY PITCHSIDE VIEW

Peacehaven Town Mayor Cllr. Claude Cheta recently dropped into the football club.

He encouraged the people of Peacehaven to get behind the club and praised it for its work in the community. Cllr. Cheta also made a £200 donation from The Mayor's Fund to help towards the club's ongoing fundraising.

Cllr. Cheta was very encouraging and said: "Children need to be educated and they need food, but they also need to play as it's important for their emotional good." "At the beginning of April children will be able to play football again and please support the football club as they get ready to restart."



Club chair Sue Norwood thanked Cllr. Cheta for his donation and said: "During the lockdown there has been a lot of fundraising towards he cost of repairing the clubhouse roof and the community have been magnificent. Thank-you to everyone."

Work on repairing the clubhouse is progressing well. The outside wall and roof are complete, and now the internal walls and ceiling are being painted. Broken fencing has been fixed and other odd maintenance jobs around the club have also been completed.

To enable the football club to operate a takeaway service during the summer months, the plan is to buy some picnic benches.

The picnic benches will be put outside the club's patio doors at the weekends during the summer to allow the club to open up the bar and kitchen and offer a takeaway service. By doing this it will generate income for the club during the COVID-19 restrictions.

Club chair Sue Norwood said: "Each picnic bench costs £250 and I would like to try to get people to donate £250 to pay for a picnic bench outright." "We can add a plaque to say who donated or it could be in memory of someone. The £250 price is the cost price so we're just trying to cover our costs."

For more information please email Sue Norwood at: chair@peacehavenfootball.com or call her on: 07946 107041.

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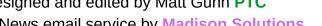
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