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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



From The Mayor

Cllr Isobel Sharkey



On the 24th of June, Cllr Hill, the deputy mayor, and I spent an hour or so by the Gateway cafe to talk with local residents. They shared their concerns with us (I expect most people have the same 3 or 4 issues; I know we as a town council and as individual councillors, share them too.)

We also spoke with Lucy from Making It Happen. This is an East Sussex SCDA scheme which aims to support local communities to make positive changes. They've been mainly focused on North and West Peacehaven so far; there have been litter picking events and guerrilla planting!

They do have some small grants which they can allocate, but it's also about giving people the skills, advice, or simply confidence to take some action.

It got me thinking about what else people could do:

- How about setting up a little library in your road?
- Or being a collection point for items that can be recycled but which LDC don't collect – crisp packets, old pens, are amongst the things which can be collected and sent off for recycling.
- A clothes swap event – whether for children's or adult clothes?
- A local library of things – tools for example which you may only need to use once so don't want to buy.
- A seed or plant cuttings swap. (It can't just be me who when walking around town sees a lovely shrub in somebody's garden and would love to take a cutting!)

Until next month
Mayor of Peacehaven
Cllr. Isobel Sharkey

NHS DAY 2021-



Join us and the nation at 8pm on Monday 5th July at 8pm to show your support and appreciation to the NHS by clapping on your doorsteps for two minutes.

Clapping in the street to show our support for those waging the battle against coronavirus was an amazing, spontaneous, and heartfelt reflection of the public's appreciation.

We would like our residents to do this again. Open your doors & windows, stand in your garden, or in the street and applaud the unstinting efforts of those people who are STILL saving lives and keeping essential services going.



FROM THE CIVIC & MARKETING OFFICER



From the desk of the Civic & Marketing Officer.....

Once again it was a pleasure covering the Town Clerk whilst he was sunning himself in beautiful Somerset over the past couple of weeks.

The opportunity gave me a wider spectrum of how many emails & queries come into the Clerk's post box every day, from a wide range of areas.

We are extremely lucky at the council, as our staff interact daily so we know what is happening and where within the town, so any problems can be solved quickly!

Each of us are working on several projects, including plans for the return to Community House. One of our ideas is to hold a morning café in the main hall every Tuesday under the umbrella of 'Nibble & Natter' this will slowly bring our community back together. We would like charity groups to run this new venture, by also arranging craft demonstrations for our residents to access. The future looks good, and we are hoping that many more interactive changes will happen. But, of course, only when restrictions have completely gone away.

We are looking forward to seeing our residents again and to organise our regular bingo sessions and wrestling spectacles and other community events. Unfortunately, we will not be organising a summer fair this year, but we have lots of contacts to make next years' event bigger and better.

We have recently formed a Peacehaven history group and already we have received some marvellous memories from our more mature residents. If you have a story to tell, please do contact me, I would love to hear about the days gone by!

Apart from my role as Office Manager, I also assist the Mayor of Peacehaven, Cllr. Sharkey. if anyone would like Isobel to pay a visit, please contact me: - civicanmarketing@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member of staff, Dan Tiller who has recently joined the caretaking team.

Wishing you all a sunny summer.

Debbie Donovan- Civic & Marketing Officer



FROM THE MP- LLOYD RUSSELL-MOYLE



The Government has mandated that all councils in the country need to build thousands of new houses in the coming decade. Although they have set the numbers, they passed the decision about where these houses should go to local planning authorities.

Lewes District Council will be consulting about where these houses might go in the next few months. Your local Councillors on LDC have put the strongest possible case that Peacehaven and Telscombe have shouldered much of the burden of new house building in recent years and that we are sandwiched between the national park (which can't be built on) and the cliffs. As such prioritising our area for more building would not be appropriate.

It is vital we have cross party local support in the process of consultation. We cannot give a blank cheque to developers which would turbocharge any plans to continue building along the coastal strip of Lewes District without the proper amenities.

Whilst the Government has set these unachievable targets we need to engage in the process to ensure that further developments are appropriate. I am of the strong view that we need to now be considering expanding towns like Chailey and Ringmer which are not in the national park and could handle more housing.

I know your local LDC representatives will continue their fight to stop the continued responsibility for house building being put onto Peacehaven and Telscombe.

HAVENS COMMUNITY HUB CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERS.



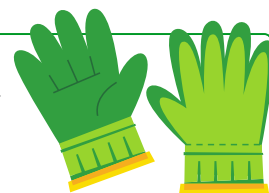
Havens Community Hub ended Volunteers Week (1-7 June) with an afternoon tea for their volunteers at The Flying Fish in Denton to celebrate the fantastic contributions they make to the local community. The Hub covers the coastal stretch between Saltdean and Seaford and surrounding towns and villages.

Havens Community Hub has a variety of volunteers that help the community in different ways. They include food waste prevention champions, volunteer drivers, and social engagement volunteers. They were all awarded certificates and badges that were handed out by the Deputy Mayor of Newhaven, Councillor George Taylor.

The Havens Community Hub projects include preventing up to one ton of still edible surplus supermarket produce from reaching landfill every week (Havens Food Cooperative), providing activity and friendship through day centres for older people (Havens Happy Clubs), and volunteer drivers who help those who are unable to use public transport to reach medical and other daily living appointments (Havens Community Cars). Havens Community Hub aims to meet unmet community need and have also done so through smaller projects, such as helping with the Census Support Service and the school holiday booster bag scheme.

Chair of Trustees, Paula Woolven, said "our volunteers are priceless. Through the generous giving of their time, they are making a real difference to their community – and their passion for helping others always shines through. I cannot thank them enough. During the pandemic, our resources were stretched thin to meet the tenfold increase in need we encountered and every single one of our volunteers stepped up to the plate, giving far more than we ever expected of them."

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY



What lovely weather we had last week, but as I write this it is raining hard, is Summer over, I certainly hope not!

Deadhead bedding plants and perennials, to continue flowering.

Deadhead roses to keep them looking tidy, but if they produce hips (seed pods) you can leave them on.

Deadhead sweet peas regularly to keep them flowering, but don't forget to water daily in dry weather.

Don't forget to give the lawn a quick acting summer feed.

In case we have bad weather don't forget to support tall plants and climbers.

Water as late in day as possible to reduce evaporation.

Terracotta pots are prone to evaporation so dampen the pot down to keep the roots inside cool and damp.

Now is the time to prune wisteria, by removing the wispy side-shoots from the main branch framework.
Prune Lupins to encourage more flowers.

Pick runner beans to prevent them becoming stringy.

Don't forget to pinch out tomato side shoots each week, cut off any leaves growing below the lowest ripening fruit trusses.

Now it the time to pick courgettes, beetroot, peas, carrots, potatoes, lettuce, and tomatoes.

If you are growing cucumbers you can train them upwards to make the most of the space available.

If you are having a go at growing peppers the best thing to do is pot them on into larger pots.

Don't forget to keep the fruit and vegetable crops consistently moist by watering daily, especially in warm weather.

Don't forget to thin out fruits on the fruit trees to produce good sized crops.

Protect any developing fruits from birds and squirrels, you can do this by placing mesh around your plants.

If you are growing fruits in pots, don't forget to give them a high potash liquid feed.

Now is the time to prune the fruit trees like plum, apricots, cherry and peach.

Don't forget to control the dreaded slugs!

Happy Gardening



*Piece from;
Alison Standing
Peacehaven Horticultural Society*





FROM PCSO- CHRIS MARCHANT



Driving along the A259, through Peacehaven, one can't help but notice the wide open pavements and the picturesque double yellow lines.

So, imagine the last question on your Driving Test is.....

- a) Can you park on a pavement?
- b) Can you park on double yellow lines?

I think we would all say no and pass the test.

Wind forward a bit and I can't believe the numbers of vehicles on pavements, particularly outside Subway. You know who you are and quite honestly you are a nuisance, park around the corner .

Your selfish behaviour makes it difficult for mums with push chairs and people in invalid carriages to get past, just so you can get your lunch!!

So that would be a "Fail" I'm afraid.

On a slightly different note, with all this hot weather, please keep your doors and windows locked when away from your property and water your pets and children in equal measure.

The town is still blighted by the nuisance youths on the quad bikes, so any information would be helpful, but we have some great leads, so the net is closing in and you know who you are.

You can contact me at:

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CITIZENS ADVICE FIGHT TO MAKE UNIVERSAL CREDIT FIT FOR POST LOCK-DOWN USE

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An estimated 360,000 who lost their jobs in March or April 2020 are still unemployed a year on. A further 2.4 million people on Universal Credit are still looking for work.

Young people, disabled people and single parents are facing an uphill struggle in the labour market. These groups already at a disadvantage when job-hunting have been hardest hit in the pandemic, risking an unequal recovery and long-term economic scarring.

Nationwide since March last year the charity's frontline advisers have supported more than 450,00 people and seen hundreds of cases where the rules in Universal Credit are making it harder for people to find work.

While vacancies are picking up in some sectors, the charity's research found around two in three (62%) unemployed people on Universal Credit say they were not confident of finding work in the next six months. Nearly nine in 10 (88%) Universal Credit claimants said their financial situation is having a negative impact on their mental health.

This data indicates that it is key for the rules in Universal Credit to become fit for real life by supporting people into work, not pushing them into unsuitable jobs or adding to their stress with the threat of sanctions.

CARERS WON'T STOP CARING, BUT WILL YOU STILL CARE AFTER COVID?



Portrait - JJ Waller

COVID highlighted the needs of older and vulnerable people in a way seldom seen, with communities rallying round to provide help. Many of the carers we support had to shield in their homes with the person they care for, for well over a year. As we begin to return to a new normal, **we desperately need more volunteers in Seaford, Peacehaven and Newhaven.** Can you spare a little time to help make carers lives a little easier?

How you can help

- Respite/Befriending
- Phone support
- Computer help
- Peacehaven Carers Cafe
- Zoom Activities
- Fundraising
- Supermarket collections
- and more...

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FRIARS BAY RADAR STATION

It is a few years since anything has been written about Peacehaven during the Second World War, in particular in relation to certain activities on the coast at Friars Bay. Friars Bay was the home to a radar station which has long since disappeared, the map shown here was drawn by Ron Martin of the Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society who did some investigations a number of years ago. What reminded me of this was when I came across hidden in the depths of the National Archives at Kew a secret wartime record which was only released in the early 1970s.

The earlier reports describe some of the activities that were taking place at Friars Bay. All that remains today are some concrete blocks very close to the edge of the cliff. It was constructed in 1941 for the British Army's coastal defence/chain home low a group of radar stations to detect enemy activity between in this case Brighton and Newhaven. The idea was to provide target and range information for the guns situated both at Brighton and Newhaven. Sometime after 1942 after aerial photos showed the station it was camouflaged. The buildings were reported as demolished in the 1970s may be a little later, this information is a little vague.

Until now, this was all that was known about the site. In fact very little is known about what happened here. It is intriguing to know what actually happened from 1941 to May 1944 and from July 1944 to VE day in 1945. It may well be in time other documents will come to light, but in the meantime this is some of the activities that took place in the two months of May and June 1944. According to document Air 29/194/3 held in the National archives the radar station had by this time been handed over to the Royal Air Force.

On 7 May 1944, unit 15062 of 484 GCC FDP AMES moved from their base at Home Farm, Goodwood at 10:30 am arriving at Peacehaven at 15:00 hours. Records state that the technical gear was erected and operational by 19:00 hours, and an hour later all the vehicles had been camouflaged. Before continuing these abbreviations need to be explained. 484 group was also known as 84 Group Control Centre – GCC. FDP is short for Fighter Direction Post and AMES is short for Air Ministry Experimental Station. 84 group was in fact formed in July 1943 as part of the Second Tactical Air Force, which had been set up to help support what was to become the D-Day operations, for the retaking of Normandy and the eventual liberation of Europe.

In other words by this time plans when afoot to land British and Allied troops back on French soil to defeat the Nazi occupation.

Reading the daily notes made of the units activities is interesting, but although these were trained RAF personnel with some quite senior officers, the reports at times do look a little like a Dad's Army, with lack of operational equipment. To start with as the unit came through Brighton their vehicles had to stop and be weighed, it was then found that their type 15's were overweight and had to be sent away for modifications. It is highly likely that a type 15 was Bedford 15 CTW van/lorry.

Whilst waiting for their vehicles to be modified, over the next few days they carried out plotting exercises, although one of the aerals and also had to be sent for repair. One of the aircraftman, possibly a radiant radio engineer ended up at the Royal Sussex Hospital being treated for septic finger and was out of action for five days. In the meantime two corporals and 7 W/T operators were attached the unit and it is now at full strength, a fully functioning W/T establishment (Wireless Telegraphy). On 25th of May a type of radar unit was delivered but it was found that the console unit required considerable maintenance and could not be operated. Two days later another piece of equipment was received again was faulty and could not be used.

On 28 May more vehicles had to be sent away for modification and no replacements were supplied. The same day all the site personnel saw a medical officer who inoculated them all, is not recorded what this was against. The next day the senior officer Squadron Leader Benson received a posting to a different unit and Flight Lieutenant Tierman as senior officer assumed command of the unit for the time being.

On 3rd June a number of officers and crew were briefed on Operation Overlord, the codename for the D-Day landings. On the 5 June two Flight Lieutenant's left to visit Durrington prior to a move there but were told no such arrangements have been made, so any plans for a move were cancelled.

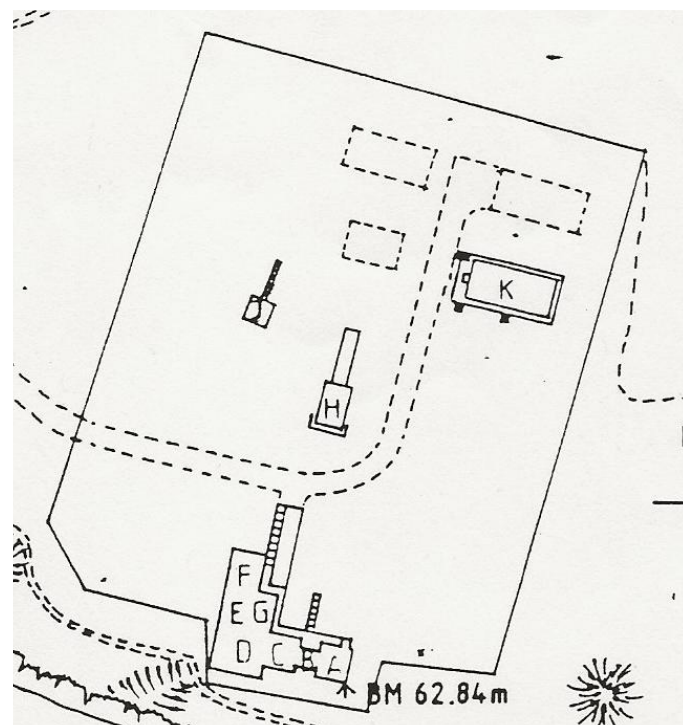
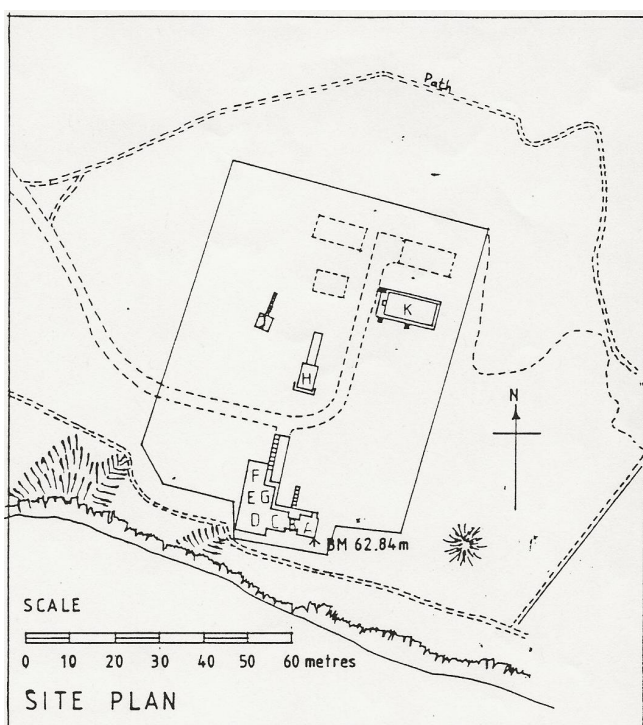
D-Day took place on 6 June the entry in the journal simply reads, "in a view of certain actions over the French coast, guards have been doubled at night and ammunition given to the crew". Two days later officers went to collect the vehicles that were being modified and they reported that the technical equipment on these vehicles was in poor condition and could not be used therefore they returned empty handed and waited for further repairs to be carried out. They did however receive two Bren guns on 15 June.

They were meant to observe, plot and report on any enemy however, it was reported that on 20 June although enemy aircraft came over the equipment they were using did not pick these up luckily, three of the four planes were shot down. By now Squadron Leader Draycott had been appointed and he along with Flight Lieutenant Martin drove up to Wembley to obtain spares for the equipment and had to persuade crews there to dismantle their sets so that the parts could be used. As reported in the journal, "a silly business but there was no other way of getting spares we must have".

However the tuning gear on the aerial was still giving trouble and it was decided that a whole new aerial was required. Four days later the aerial was taken for repairs on a new collected. It was reported on 28 June that, "high winds and rain are threatening to blow us over the cliff edge".

This report book ends on 30 June, by which time they are starting to observe flying bombs coming over the channel. Although most of this activity was further east and outside the range of their radar equipment. It is hoped that this short report gives an interesting insight to the activities happening during the war on the clifftop above Friars Bay.

Thanks to local historian Stanley Bernard for kindly writing this piece.





PEACEHAVEN AND TELSCOMBE DESIGN GUIDES PUBLISHED



Guidelines for Peacehaven and Telscombe to help developers, landowners and the Town Council understand the expectations on design for the area have been published by the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) steering group.

The area covers Peacehaven Town with its historic plotlands which form a large part of the residential development and the Meridian centre which is the main centre for the two towns. It also includes East Saltdean, Telscombe Cliffs and Telscombe Village, which is a conservation area with the oldest building having Norman origins.

Character areas

The guidelines have taken into account factors such as surroundings, street layout, mobility, nature and public spaces and have been divided into character areas such as the plotlands, coastal road and town centre.

Plotlands and coastal road

The guide will ensure that the plotlands retains its views to the sea and buildings must reflect the existing bungalows albeit with a more contemporary approach. The grid layout and green verges will be retained and types of housing have been suggested which reflect the character of the area.

COASTAL PLOTLAND AND PLOTLAND STREET CODES

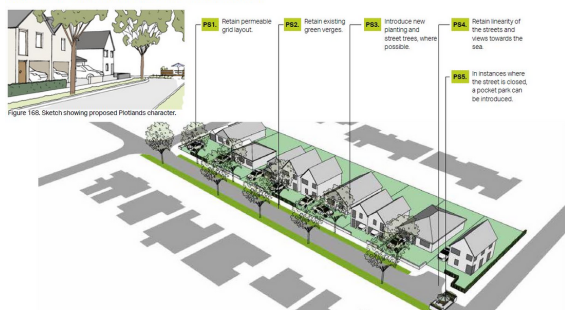


Image: Proposed street transformation of Coastal Plotlands and Plotlands character area.

Proposals for the coastal road include an environment that prioritises pedestrians and cyclists, more spaces to interact and moving car parking to the rear of new buildings where possible.

Town centre

More flexible public spaces have been suggested as well as walking and cycling connections to the wider town and providing enough car parking without dominating the landscape. Other recommendations include rainwater harvesting, solar roof panels, green roofs and electric car charging points.

The Design Guide will now be used to inform future development and will be used by developers and landowners to understand expectations and by community organisations as a way to promote community-backed development and to inform comments on planning applications. The full document can be accessed on the website.

Cathy Gallagher, Chair of Steering Group

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