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WRESTLING SPECTACULAR SEE PAGE 9

Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit

It's goodbye from me!



I have worked for Peacehaven Council for almost 20 years, first as a part-time Information Officer & gradually progressed up through the ranks taking on more responsibilities to include marketing and civic duties.

The job has been most rewarding, especially working with our different Mayors, organising events, getting to know our lovely residents and organisations and of course assisting the Town Clerk.

I must pay tribute to my colleagues, a much-resolute team of people who care about our community and take pride in their work - I will miss them all!

Now is the time for me to retire and hand over my knowledge and experience gained over the years. I plan to spend more time with my two grandchildren and hopefully enjoy a few holidays.

Take care & hope to see you around the town

Debbie Donovan



Cllr Gloria Hill - Deputy Mayor



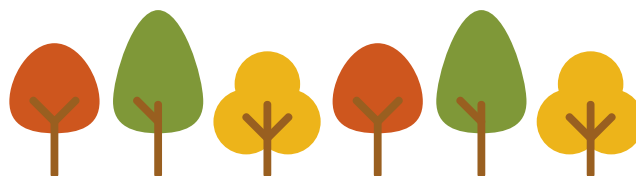
Hello everyone, once again I wish everyone well as we look forward to a good year with lots of planned events for the town.

I planted a silver birch tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee at Centenary Park, alongside the Cafe area. The Meridian Evening WI also planted a tree for the Queen's Green Canopy project. We were delighted that Nicola Papanicolaou, of the Gateway Cafe donated 20 saplings of which the Headteacher, Rachel Henocq from PSC and the school's presidents were able to plant.

I presented a special Platinum Jubilee coin, on behalf of the Mayor to those who planted the trees. Pictures on page 6

At the last Civic and Community Events Committee meeting I was fortunate to award an official souvenir publication, The Queen 70 Glorious Years, to the three artists who submitted their artwork to our Art Showcase; see page 4.

I am pleased to be a supporter of the SCDA food bank and was thrilled to be part of the unveiling of their first electric van, see page 13



ART SHOWCASE, MARKING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



Everyone's a winner



Oil painting by Sophie Stone

Tatting by Anita Gilson

Cross stitch by Karen Gatti



FABRICATING LURELAND

A short presentation took place before the recent Civic and Community Events Committee Meeting where Dr. Julia Winckler donated a copy of her newly published book *Fabricating Lureland*, to our Civic Officer, Deborah Donovan. The book describes a history of the imagination and memory of Peacehaven.

Other pictures show:

- a presentation to Julia, from the Deputy Mayor of a special coin which marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- representatives from the Pioneers history group.



DEPUTY MAYOR PLANTS A TREE FOR THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE



NEWS REPORTS THAT BILLS COULD BE GOING UP SOON IS MAKING ME ANXIOUS. HOW CAN I GET MY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET ON TRACK?

This is a common concern right now. The good news is there are lots of things you can do to be more in control of your money.

Firstly, establish your income and expenditure. Then set yourself a realistic budget - the budgeting tool on the Citizens Advice website can help you.

If any of your bills do go up, you can go back to our budgeting tool anytime to create a new plan. You can find tips on how to reduce regular living costs on our website which may be helpful.

You should also make sure you're getting all the income you're entitled to. Use the income checker on the Citizens Advice website to see if you could be getting more support, such as benefits or government grants.

It's important to prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these has the most serious consequences. The Citizens Advice website provides advice about which bills are priorities and the support available for paying these and other bills.

Once you have planned how to pay your priority bills, the budgeting tool can help you plan how to repay credit cards, overdraft charges and store cards.

If you need more specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call our debt helpline: 0800 240 4420. You're not on your own.

All Council meetings are open for public to attend and watch.

If you would like to find out more about our meetings please email: admin@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

COUNCIL MEETINGS THIS MONTH



TUESDAY 1 Policy & Finance 7.30

TUESDAY 8 Planning & Highways 7.30

THURSDAY 10 Personnel Committee 7.30

TUESDAY 15 COUNCIL

TUESDAY 29 Civic and Community Events 7.30



Your chance to respond to the draft Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Peacehaven & Telscombe Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP) consultation ends on the 14th March so make sure you complete the 5-minute survey to have your say on the future of our towns. You can view the draft plan and complete the survey here: www.peacehaven-and-telscombe-neighbourhood-plan-steering-group.co.uk

Benefits of having a neighbourhood plan include more funding for both town councils; more of a say on the type and quality of housing being built; well-connected paths, streets and spaces; good green spaces in the right places; and keeping jobs, shops and money local.

Full benefits include:

- Ability to apply for new grants – for example the High Street and Social Infrastructure Fund from the Department for Communities
- Set Design Codes for new development to maintain and enhance the local character
- The right to receive 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy on new developments
- Set policies that developers are required to follow to obtain planning permission
- Set out a vision for the area for the next ten years
- Raise the profile of Peacehaven and Telscombe with East Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority

After all the comments are received from the survey they are collated, the NP amended if needed, and then this is submitted to the Lewes District Council for them to consult formally with neighbouring Councils and landowners.

Cathy Gallagher, Chair of Steering Group

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Peacehaven and Telscombe (Pre-Submission) Neighbourhood Plan Consultation



THE Bombay Bad Boys are getting ready to hit town!



And they aren't the only ones aiming to make up for lost time when wrestling returns to the Meridian Centre for a rumblemania spectacular on March 26.

It's two years since Peacehaven staged one of the last grappling events, possibly the final one, in the country before the big lockdown in March of 2000.

Now the long wait for the fans, and many of the UK's top wrestlers, is over, and everyone can rumble again.

"Tiger" Rajah Ghosh, who will be making his first Meridian appearance, and his brother, the "Prince of Mumbai" Rishi Ghosh, are among the big names who will be in action.

The Bad Boys are aiming to stake their claim to the Premier Wrestling Federation tag-team title in the run-up to the main event, the American rumble, in which it is every man for himself, and the last man standing after everyone else has been ejected from the ring over the top rope is the winner.

Among the other stars battling it out for the king of the ring crown on the big Saturday night show will be high-flying international ace The Lion Kid, local Brighton favourite and PWF champion Barry Cooper, popular young lightweight Harry Sefton and exciting newcomers Rex Armstrong and Worthing's David Lovejoy.

It all kicks off at 7.30. To book tickets, contact the Information Office at the Meridian Centre on 01273 585493.



GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

If you have have new spring shoots don't forget to protect them from slugs.

Chit early and maincrop potatoes, and you can now plant asparagus crowns, shallots, onion sets and early potatoes.

Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials.

When the weather is mild you can sow the following outdoors: broad beans, carrots, beetroot, parsnips, onions, lettuce, radish, peas, spinach, summer cabbage, leeks, salad leaves, turnip and summer cauliflower.

Don't forget to protect early outdoor showings with fleece and polythene.

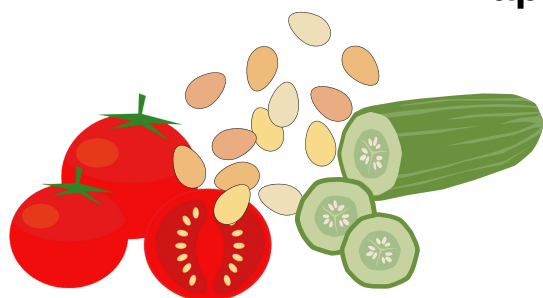
Sweet potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, celery and aubergines can be sown indoors.

Prune bush and climbing roses.

You can also plant summer flowering bulbs.

If you have dogwood and willow now is the time to cut back.

Happy Gardening!



Alison Standing
Peacehaven Horticultural Society





VOLUNTEER WITH US

Know Dementia, a Sussex-based charity supporting people with memory problems and their family/carers, is looking for **volunteers** to help at their **Peacehaven** Memory Moments Café on **Fridays from 9.30am - 12.30pm** at **The Meridian Centre**





BINGO! EYES DOWN!

Wednesday 30th March 2022
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

8 Games for £4 Plus Snowball & Flyer Games
CASH Prizes and FREE Refreshments

MAIN HALL, COMMUNITY HOUSE
In aid of The Mayor's charities



FROM THE MP- LLOYD RUSSELL-MOYLE



The Co-operative Group (the Freeholders of the Meridian Centre in Peacehaven) have last week informed their staff and me that they have sold the site to Morrisons after they reviewed the current site and their ability to develop it.

The Co-operative Food store (the "supermarket" shop) will be retained for the next two years as a tenant of Morrisons, pending any further development plans by Morrisons. The Co-operative Food tell me that the store is still profitable despite their new store on the South Coast Road.

Whilst The Co-operative Group have tried their best for the site for many years, and as a consumer owned organisation have supported many community interests, most of us have known for a while that The Co-operative Group were not in a position to regenerate our town centre as we needed.

The sale to Morrisons who are primarily a shopping business will be a relief. Morrisons, whilst recently being brought, have a good track record, they remain the largest producer and seller of fresh food in the UK (producing most of their fresh food themselves) and have good relationships with communities they serve.

I have already contacted Morrisons confirmed The Co-operative Food store have signed a lease to remain on the site for 2 years and I have also asked them offer these terms and conditions to the East Sussex County Council for the Library site and to the other traders.

I will meet them early next week on the site to talk to them about residents concerns and what we want for the area.

Seahaven Community Food's new electric van hits the road

Seahaven Community Food have been looking for a way to transport food between their two 'pay as you feel' community supermarkets without increasing their impact on the planet. Now they have a solution! Thanks to funding from Bupa, Sainsbury's, Newhaven Town Council and Peacehaven Town Council the SCDA project has been able to lease a state of the art electric van to transport supplies, collect donations and deliver food parcels - while keeping emissions low.

Food Security Project Manager, Stef Lake: "Our primary aim is to ensure that everyone in our community has access to good quality, affordable food, but we also take our impact on the environment very seriously. We are always looking for ways to reduce food waste and having an electric vehicle is truly the icing on the sustainable cake."

Over 120 people a week access food through Seahaven Community Food projects each week - at Newhaven and Peacehaven Community Supermarkets or via emergency food parcels.

"There's a lot of logistics involved to ensure that everybody is able to access the right food for them and their family. We don't just want to provide 'enough', we pride ourselves on offering healthy and nutritious food, including meals prepared by volunteers at Denton Island Community Kitchen. Having a van to move food between locations is essential. We are grateful to Bupa, Sainsbury's and the two local town councils for making this happen" said Stef.

The electric van will also be used to support other projects at SCDA, including the two charity shops and the 'Re-cycle' project, a social enterprise that refurbishes bikes and sells them on.



CINEMA SHOWING: BELFAST

£7 PER TICKET / 7:30PM / WEDS 23RD MARCH

A semi-autobiographical film which chronicles the life of a working class family and their young son's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s in the Northern Ireland capital.

MAIN HALL, COMMUNITY HOUSE, PEACEHAVEN, BN10 8BB

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE INFORMATION OFFICE OR RING 01273 585493

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