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30th March 2012

The organisers of the "Night to Remember" midnight walk, in aid of St. Barnabas and Chestnut Tree House Hospices, are looking for volunteers to act as marshals on the night of 19th May.

If you can spare a few hours to help, Fundraising Volunteer Officer, Angie Bacon, would love to hear from you.

Call Angie on: 01903-706326, or, e-mail Angie.

Click here to visit the Chestnut Tree House website.
Click here to visit the St. Barnabas Hospice website.
Click here to visit the Night to Remember website.

30th March 2012

Trading Standards have received notification of a potential school book scam targeting businesses in East Sussex.

The scam starts when you receive a phone call from someone "thanking you" for supporting their cause and "agreeing" to advertise in a school booklet that will be distributed through local schools "of your choice**".**

They claim you agreed to advertise and support them some months ago and the booklets **"**are now ready".

This is a scam, simply tell them you don't recall agreeing to this and that you are not interested.

30th March 2012

An important milestone on the road to a sustainable harbour community was reached when the Harbour Community Association's (HCA) application for charitable status was accepted by the Charity Commission this month.

This has provided a structure that will now open up access to many more funding streams, from Government and other charitable organisations.

It will also enable the bringing together of groups of like-minded individuals, and the promotion of a much wider variety of activities, once the hoped for harbour community centre becomes a reality.

Click here for more information on the HCA

28th March 2012





In the Eastbourne Plan, the vision for the development of the town up to 2027, two neighbourhoods, the Town Centre and Sovereign Harbour, are designated as "Sustainable Centres". In line with this vision, and to reinforce the neighbourhood sustainability, the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park (SHRP) was designated as a "District Shopping Centre", and this was reflected in the plan submitted for inspection in January.

However, since the plan was submitted, and in response to concerted opposition by organisations with interests in the Town Centre regeneration, it would seem that this vision has been changed and, once again, Sovereign Harbour will be the loser. Eastbourne Borough Council now proposes to downgrade the SHRP to an "Out-of-Town Shopping Centre" but, as this is a major modification to the Core Strategy, the council has been obliged to put the changes out for further public consultation.

This reduction in status will place significant restrictions on the sort of retail outlets that will be permitted in the SHRP, and is already causing problems for the planned regeneration, that could possibly result in the abandonment of the project. Prudential has already been forced to modify the application, resulting in further delays. The application will not now be discussed at the March meeting of the Planning Committee as scheduled, and it would seem likely that we are to have yet another summer without the cross-harbour bus link.

The regeneration of the Town Centre is, of course, very important for Eastbourne, but the opposition to the SHRP regeneration would seem to be out of all proportion to the possible impact it could have, and is more concerned with "Neumann" between large financial organisations.

Last year, large numbers of you attended the SHRP consultation event held in the former Fitness First unit, and the LDF Core Strategy consultation events held in the Haven School and the Yacht Club. The overwhelming majority were in favour of the vision for the neighbourhood, and this was a major influence on the plans submitted for inspection. However, it now seems that, despite the very strong support of the residents, commercial interests are being given priority over their aspirations, and the sustainability of the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood, and the best interests of the town, will suffer as a consequence.

To express your views or concerns, click here to visit the EBC website and take part in the consultation. Closing date for responses is 20th April.

27th March 2012



East Sussex Library Service is reviewing libraries within a five mile radius of central Eastbourne; to make sure that it is providing the best service, in the right place for our residents.

They need your views to continue to improve the service and help them build a library network for the years to come. This is an opportunity for the residents of Sovereign Harbour to make their views known.

Click here to take part in the survey.

27th March 2012



The World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour is a simple idea that's quickly turned into a global phenomenon. Hundreds of millions of people turning off their lights for one hour, on the same night, all across the planet.

It's about appreciating the brilliant world we all share – and how we need to protect it. Not just for an hour a year, but every day.

You can join in by switching off all your lights for one hour on ***31st March from 8:30pm until 9:30pm***

Click here to visit the Earth Hour website.

25th March 2012



British Summer Time started today.

If you haven't put your clocks forward one hour, you're going to miss out on an extra hour's sunshine in the evenings.

Happy birthday to SHRA Deputy Chairman, Jan Weeks

22nd March 2012



Following detailed discussions with Officers at Eastbourne Borough Council, The Prudential agreed to modify its application by simplifying the proposals for Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.

The focus of the application remains on the provision of the new cinema and related commercial uses, the conversion of the existing cinema building into retail use, and the provision of enhanced connections (including the new bus link).

The application as originally submitted also included the sub-division of other existing retail units. The recently submitted changes retain the Brantano and Harveys units as existing, except for the enhancement of the frontages.

Click here to download the reports, plans and drawings submitted in support of the modified Planning Application.

Please note, documents are also available via the Planning Portal using reference number: EB/2011/0633. They are provided on the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park website as an additional source of information only and all comments on the application must be submitted direct to Eastbourne Borough Council.

18th March 2012

The brochure for the Eastbourne Festival 2012 has been published.

Festival 2012 has attracted a great mix of the traditional and contemporary, featuring popular and classical music, theatre, dance, comedy and the visual arts.

This year's Streets of Eastbourne opening event will host not one but two stages showcasing a variety of performances including music, dance, theatre, poetry and story telling ditties, plus street dance, hoopla & poi performances and workshops.

A street market will meander along the high street linking the two performance stages. There will also be an information stall where you can pick up your festival brochures or book tickets for some of the festival events. There's still time to perform at this event so comedy, dance, jugglers, stilt walkers etc do please contact the organisers if you would like to be involved.

Click here to visit the Eastbourne Festival website,

Click here to download the Festival Brochure.

15th March 2012



The Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action Team (SHECAT) took over the Happy Dragon restaurant at Pevensey Bay for the evening on March 14 for a fundraising Chinese supper. Click here for pictures.

About 45 supporters enjoyed a superb meal, had a lot of fun, and raised £384 towards the construction of the carnival float. If you have skills that could be useful, and would like to become involved, please contact Alison Attwood on 01323-479429 or e-mail alison.attwood@shecat.info.

For more information, visit www.shecat.info

If you would like a cut price copy of the SEGA "Football Manager 2012" PC game, and would like to boost the carnival team's funds, Click Here

14th March 2012

Your personal information is valuable, so, protect it, is the main theme of the campaign launched today by the National Fraud Authority, Telecommunications UK Fraud Forum (TUFF) and Financial Fraud Action UK - the name under which the financial services industry coordinates its fraud prevention activity [14 March 2012]

The Devil's in Your Details campaign aims raise awareness of the importance of protecting personal information and remind the public to check who they share their details with is genuine, whether this be on the phone, in person or online. The campaign encourages consumers to suspect anyone or anything they are uncertain about, to keep asking questions and to challenge or end an engagement if it feels uncomfortable.

Click here to visit the Devil's in Your Details website.

10th March 2012

It is reported in the Guardian that Persimmon Homes, the building company now responsible for the South Harbour water feature, has announced it is handing back £1.9bn of excess cash to it's shareholders after a jump in profits. Click here to read the article.

Property owners, who are being pressured to take over the management of the feature before all of the remedial work has been completed, might feel that some of this excess cash could have been used to bring this sorry saga to a just conclusion.

Click here to visit the Water Feature Action Group web page

9th March 2012



The forecast remains favourable for the spring tides over the weekend, so machines currently working will finish tonight.

The bulldozer will continue on for the remainder of the month and it is hoped that a further five days of recycling will be all that is required before we can consider that summer is on the way. When those five days will be remains to be seen.

The highest April spring tides is still a significant 7.9mCD but as that falls on Easter weekend it is a period PDCL will try to avoid. It is therefore likely that they will wait until after school Easter holidays – unless of course the weather intervenes before then.

7th March 2012

Members of staff from the Eastbourne Gazette will be outside of the Asda store in the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park on Thursday 8th March from 10am to 2pm distributing "goody bags" to purchasers of the newspaper.

Members of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour will also be on hand to enable participants in the annual Harbour Walk to register in person.

Click here to visit the Harbour Walk website.

7th March 2012

Members of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour will be joining Rotarians across the country in the "Rotary Spring Clean". This initiative is designed to help local people improve the area in which they live by getting together to pick up the litter and other



rubbish that blights the environment.

If you would like to join in, you will be made very welcome. Just come along to the former car park next to the Harbour Medical Centre on **Monday 12th March at 10:30am.**

If you can spare some time to help, this is a great opportunity to make the harbour an even better place to live.

Click here for more information.

7th March 2012

The next meeting of the Sovereign Harbour Carnival Action Team (SHECAT) will be held in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on Wednesday March 7 starting at 7.30. There is still time for anybody who is interested to join the team and contribute to the harbour community's Carnival entry.

The team will be holding a fundraising supper at the Happy Dragon in Pevensey Bay on March 14 at 7pm. Places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

For more information, visit www.shecat.info, contact Alison Attwood on 01323-479429 or e-mail alison.attwood@shecat.info.

5th March 2012



Work at Beachlands and Normans Bay East has finished for now, with machines moving east to Cooden and Herbrand Walk. Depending on progress this week they may finish off at Beachlands again on Friday as we lead into the highest March tides on Saturday/Sunday 10/11th. Currently the forecast for next weekend is favourable, with only light winds from Wednesday onwards. If this remains the case then trucks will stop on Friday.

There is a small amount of work to be done at Sovereign Harbour and I expect there will be a bit more to do at Beachlands and Normans Bay before we can decamp for the summer. Hopefully a final week's work towards the end of the month will be all that is needed.

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3rd March 2012



Don't forget to get out on the Waterfront and harbour promenades to give the runners on the Eastbourne Half-Marathon our usual warm harbour welcome.

The race starts at 10:00am and the leading runners usually get to the harbour at about 10:45, with the rest coming through up to about 12:30. If you see some of the slower runners having a difficult time, be sure to give them lots of encouragement.

23rd February 2012

This morning at around 9am there was a particularly vicious and nasty attack by a dog on a 21year old cat in Madeira Way, South Harbour. Police and the Dog



Warden are currently investigating what happened, and trying to identify the owner of the dog, who did not provide his details to anyone at the scene and was particularly abusive when challenged. There are a number of witnesses that have been helpful; however the identity of the dog owner is being sought.

The dogs are believed to a Bull Mastiff or Rottweiller type dog, and an Alsatian. Both were off the lead and the owner is described as a white male, aged between 35-40yrs old, stocky, wearing a fawn coloured long coat.

PC Ed Faulkner, Neighbourhood Officer for the Harbour, said: "I, like many people, am horrified at this incident, in which a family has lost its much loved pet. I believe that someone will know the owner of these dogs, and I very much hope they will identify him to me. I am happy to receive information in confidence from people who are worried about coming forward. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you can leave a message on the SHRA helpline - 07770-621368, e-mail the SHRA.

It is vital that people come forward with information so that this issue can be resolved. I appeal directly to the owner of these dogs - Come forward, and own up to what has happened. Everyone, including yourself, needs to be sure that your dogs are safe to be around others."

PC Faulkner can be contacted by phone or text on 07787 685813, or e-mail Ed.

20th February 2012



Important changes to SHRA membership were announced today. Instead of a subscription of £10 per year, new members will be given "Life Membership" for a one-off subscription of £10.

Click here to join the SHRA and for more information

Further, all memberships current at 18th February were automatically upgraded to Life membership and new membership cards will be issued in due course. Also, although the membership subscription is still "per household" membership will be on an individual basis so, if you are a current member, and would like additional cards for your spouse, partner, or children over 18, you can apply online.

Look out for a special issue of Waterlines, which will explain the new arrangements. If you have subscribed to the association's e-bulletins, you will have already received notification of the changes by e-mail.

Click here to subscribe to future e-bulletins.

19th February 2012



Waterlines sponsor, Harbour Handyman, Rob, is offering SHRA members a very worthwhile 20% discount on all home maintenance and repair work.

You can contact Rob, who has over 30 years experience in the building trade, on 01323-478237 or 07957-611040.

Click here to visit Rob's website.

N.B. *The SHRA never gives recommendations, you should always make your own checks.*

18th February 2012

There are still places available for the Carnival Supper at the Happy Dragon, Pevensey Bay on Wednesday 14th March. If you haven't reserved your place yet, and want to come, please click here to



download a booking form.

Tickets are £20 which is a fair price for a really fabulous Chinese meal. And you don't need to be actively involved with the carnival to join in so, if you have a friend or two who may be keen to come, please invite them along. It's going to be a really good fun night, you will be in very good company and you will be doing your bit to help raise funds for the harbour's float.

Click here to visit the SHECAT website.

17th February 2012



In May the **Digital Switchover** starts in the East Sussex area. With that, there will be an increasing number of tradesmen and technicians working in the area.

There have been reports elsewhere that opportunists have used the switchover as an excuse to commit distraction burglaries, by claiming to be working on the switchover so that they gain access to homes. Given that may households have televisions in various rooms of the home it is important to check that the person on your doorstep is legitimate.

Given that there have been a number of distraction burglary offences in the last couple of days in Brighton and Crawley and that it is predominantly the elderly and the vulnerable who may find the switchover difficult there a number of key messages you may find useful, for example:

- The Switchover Team will NEVER cold call. An appointment would have been made weeks in advance to attend and do any work.
- He/she will wear a reflective yellow tabard and have an ID card with a photograph.
- The Switchover Help Scheme can arrange for a password in advance.
- If you are unsure, call the Switchover help team on 0800 40 85 900 to verify the person at the door.
- Genuine callers will never mind waiting until you verify their identity
- If you suspect the person on your doorstep is not legitimate then please call 101 or 999.

Click here to visit the Digital UK website.

13th February 2012



The mayor of Eastbourne, Councillor Carolyn Heaps, has cut the tape and officially reopened the recently refurbished historic RNLI lifeboat Museum on the seafront near the Western Lawns.

The William Terriss Memorial Boathouse was first opened in 1898 as a tribute to the famous actor who was murdered outside the Adelphi Theatre in London two years earlier. The building housed operational lifeboats until 1924 and then housed a display lifeboat, the James Stevens No 6, until 1936 when the boat was sold. The building then became the first ever RNLI Museum and will soon celebrate its 75th anniversary. Having undergone many facelifts and refurbishments over its long history, including the addition of a shop selling a wide variety of RNLI souvenirs and clothing, the latest has sought to preserve the original character of the building.

RNLI Chief Executive Paul Boissier praised the dedication and commitment of the volunteers who have worked hard to ensure the building has become one of the most successful in the country. He also took the opportunity of presenting a special certificate of thanks to volunteer Hettie Pittendriech who has been a shop helper for many decades.

Eastbourne's Mayor, Councillor Carolyn Heaps, expressed her delight at being able to support the town's RNLI lifeboat service and also praised the dedication

commitment and bravery of the volunteer crew.



An SOS fish and chip supper was held recently at the Inn on the Park at Deanland Wood Park to help raise funds for Eastbourne RNLI's new lifeboat appeal.

Organised by Frank Wellbelove and fellow supporters of Eastbourne lifeboats the event raised £1,000 towards the appeal. This latest contribution brings the total that Frank and his friends have collected to £5,000. Mr Wellbelove along with his wife has supported the RNLI as a governor for 30 years and has been regularly raising around £250 per month with their weekly raffles.

The latest cheque was presented to Operations Manager Paul Metcalfe along with Coxswain Mark Sawyer and other members of the crew at the all weather lifeboat station. Frank was thanked for his continued support in what was a significant week for Eastbourne lifeboats in which their new lifeboat was placed in the water for the very first time at the Babcock shipyard in Plymouth.

12th February 2012

The Trading Standards February newsletter, TSConnect is now available online.

In this issue:

- Telephone scammers claiming to represent the OFT
- Help Trading Standards track down the scammers
- New way to stop unwanted mail
- The end of tobacco displays
- Focus on…CDS Energy
- Focus on…Coast Care Homes

Click here to download TSConnect.

11th February 2012



David Love is a Police Officer with the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit based at Newhaven Port. The unit has responsibility for Maritime and Aviation issues in Sussex. It works closely with other agencies including UK Border Agency and the Security Services.

The unit deals with gathering intelligence concerning Terrorism matters, Smuggling (drugs and people) as well as Counter Espionage and Counter Proliferation. It is currently running project Kraken which is a National Operation to gather information about coastal crime, by engaging with the local communities.

If you see or hear anything suspicious or out of the ordinary for your area please call 101 (New Sussex Police Number) and quote Project Kraken.

In emergencies always dial 999. If you want to speak to PC Love in confidence please call 01273 515208 which is the office direct line.

David has responsibility for Sovereign Harbour, Birling Gap and Pevensey Bay areas.

Click here for more information on Operation on Project Kraken

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11th February 2012



Rampion is holding a community consultation on draft proposals for its Offshore Wind Farm. The consultation starts this Monday 13th February and continues until Sunday 6th May, which means that the local community have a full 12 weeks to respond.

From 13th February, further details will be available on the Rampion website, on which you will be able to find the Community Consultation Document which provides all the details about the proposals, including photomontages, maps and plans,

the potential impacts and benefits of the project. There is also a consultation questionnaire for providing feedback to the consultation, or of course you can write to us or email Rampion with your comments. The Statement of Community Consultation has been published this week in four local newspapers and is also on the website, providing details of 37 public venues across Sussex where hard copies of the consultation documents can be found.

Click here for Rampion's latest Newsletter, which provides an overview of the consultation and includes an events listing of the public exhibitions which are being held in 12 locations across Sussex. Some are being held in coastal towns and others in the vicinity of the proposed underground onshore cable route.

10th February 2012



Eastbourne RNLI Lifeboat Station's new £2.7 million Tamar lifeboat – which will be named *Diamond Jubilee* in honour of RNLI Patron, Her Majesty The Queen – took to the water for the very first time yesterday (Monday 6 February); 60 years to the day that The Queen ascended to throne. The new lifeboat will also be among the highlights of the Diamond Jubilee River Thames Pageant this summer.

The charity's new lifeboat, *Diamond Jubilee*, will be one of 1,000 vessels making their way along the River Thames on Sunday 3 June to celebrate The Queen's 60-year reign. The Pageant is set to be the largest flotilla in modern times on the River, with boats of all shapes and sizes stretching for an estimated 12.5 miles.

Among the select few onboard the *Diamond Jubilee* on 3 June will be Eastbourne crew members Coxswain Mark Sawyer and Mechanic Dan Guy. Other crew will represent the different countries and islands of the British Isles where the RNLI saves lives at sea.

8th February 2012



The article, "CIC is it Fit for Purpose", on page 14 of the February issue of Waterlines unfortunately has an incorrect e-mail address for Cllr. Patrick Warner.

The correct address is councillor.warner@eastbourne.gov.uk

8th February 2012

Waterfront restaurants and retail outlets are offering special deals to help you celebrate Valentines Day.

Click here for more information.

8th February 2012

SHECAT

TONIGHT!!

Eastbourne Carnival is only 16 weeks away so it's time to get focused and busy if our Sovereign Harbour community float is going to make a big splash in the parade.

The harbour carnival team has a design, and has raised enough funds to get started, and there is also a small band of willing and enthusiastic volunteers. It's a great first step but a lot more are need to help build and paint the float and get everyone dressed to take part.

It's fantastic to see the various harbour organisations and individual residents coming together in what promises to be an exciting project so, if you want to be part of the action, SHECAT wants to hear from you. It's going to be a lot of fun and a great way to make new friends.

Please come along to the next carnival meeting on Wednesday 8th February starting at 7.30pm upstairs in the yacht club. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, visit www.shecat.info.

If you would like to make contact before then, please do. Phone Alison on 479429 or e-mail Alison. She will be delighted to hear from you.

7th February 2012



Crew members at Eastbourne RNLI lifeboat station launched their lifeboats a total of 128 times in 2011, making them one of the busiest in the whole of the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Of the 235 Royal National Lifeboat Institution stations across the charity, Eastbourne, in East Sussex, was the fourth busiest lifeboat station, according to statistics released today (Tuesday).

And within the RNLI's East division, which incorporates a total of 41 stations, Eastbourne was the busiest coastal lifeboat station – only two lifeboat stations, on the River Thames in London, launched their lifeboats more times.

7th February 2012



In his latest online newsletter, Stephen Lloyd MP has again reinforced his support for harbour residents.

For those who don't receive it he says, "Finally, I had a very helpful meeting with representatives from the SHRA (**Sovereign Harbour Residents Association**) the other day to discuss the fees paid to the Sovereign Harbour Trust. I do think their concerns that the costs, how can I put this, are rather opaque so have agreed to take up the cudgels on their behalf. Watch this space!"

7th February 2012



(Reproduced from Eastbourne Herald website**)**

A RETIRED firefighter who risked his life to break in to a house with flames and smoke billowing from a nearby garden shed, has been named Resident of the Month.

Harbour resident, Angelo Errigo, hasn't been fighting fires for many years but when he was driving along Gardener Close, Langney Point, and saw smoke pouring from the shed, his instinct kicked in and he raced to the scene. He was worried the fire would spread to the house so broke down the front door to check there was no-one asleep inside. Fortunately, the house was empty so Angelo dialled 999 and it wasn't long before two fire crews arrived at the scene to quell the flames.

The Resident of the Month Award was introduced to recognise unsung heroes in the local community. It is jointly sponsored by Advanta Chartered Accountants and the Eastbourne Herald.

Richard King, director at Advanta, said, "Angelo didn't think twice when he saw the fire and would almost certainly have saved lives had anyone been inside the building. We're pleased to recognise Angelo's bravery and he's a very deserving winner of December's Resident of the Month Award."

As part of his award, Angelo is now looking forward to a complimentary meal for two at Ridgways restaurant in Meads.

6th February 2012



Yoga at Yacht club today cancelled.

Due to a family emergency, Sandy Armstrong will be unable to teach her Yoga classes at the Yacht Club today. She sends her apologies.

6th February 2012



Following their very successful running of the 2011 Festival of Transport at Hellingly over the last August Bank Holiday weekend, Eastbourne Historic Vehicle Club have donated £750 towards Eastbourne RNLI's new lifeboat appeal

The annual rally is used as a platform to help raise funds for many local charities

and this year Eastbourne RNLI was delighted to once again be one of the beneficiaries.

At a recent club meeting held at the Red Lion in Stone Cross, Lifeboat Coxswain Mark Sawyer received a cheque from club Director David Bone. In accepting the cheque Mark thanked the club for their continued support which, he said, will help continue the life saving work of Eastbourne RNLI in the seas around Eastbourne.

5th February 2012



There was some speculation this morning that the new Tamar class lifeboat had arrived at the harbour earlier than expected.

However, the lifeboat seen going in through the locks was Newhaven's Severn Class boat, which had come to Eastbourne on a navigational training exercise.

Having completed the task in hand, it returned to base.

5th February 2012



Councillor Mrs Carolyn Heaps, Mayor of Eastbourne and long term supporter of Eastbourne RNLI lifeboats, joined forces with some of the crew at the Arndale Centre this week to help collect funds for the town's new lifeboat.

Councillor Heaps launched herself upon the public armed with a collection bucket in support of Eastbourne's new lifeboat appeal. Management of the Arndale shopping centre in the heart of town, in addition to offering one of their empty units for a display of lifeboat material, generously donated space in the central atrium for an exhibit of a D-Class inshore lifeboat accompanied by some of Eastbourne RNLI's volunteer crew. The week-long event has proved to be a great success for the appeal with over £2100 being donated toward the cost of the town's new Tamar class lifeboat currently under construction in Plymouth.

The volunteer crew have been overwhelmed with the support they have received from the local community. As one crew member remarked, 'without being coerced people have gone out of their way to place money in our collection buckets and when you meet folk who come up and shake your hand, as one chap did, and say the RNLI saved their life 30 years ago it makes you feel both proud and very humble to be a small part of such a unique organisation.

4th February 2012



For the past year a group of South Harbour residents have been engaging with developers Persimmon Homes and EBC about the condition of the water feature and its proposed hand-over to residents.

They now understand that Persimmon are ignoring the concerns of residents and are steam-rolling a hand-over to the residents' management company (which around 370 South Harbour property owners belong to by virtue of their property deeds), via Fell Reynolds, the Folkestone-based property management company.

Fell Reynolds would manage the water feature and charge the residents' management company accordingly.

Click here for more details.

4th February 2012

Late change to coffee morning at the Under Ground Theatre (below the library in Grove Road).

Background guitar music in the coffee-bar will now be from **JOHN BALL** *(NB: this is a change from previously advertised programme).*

Entry free. Coffee, tea and home-made cakes for sale.

1st February 2012

Your Personal Best is a national awareness campaign developed and funded by GSK, official laboratory services provider for London 2012, in association with NHS London. It aims to inspire the 7.78 million people over 55 with long term health conditions in the UK to lead a more active lifestyle.

Keeping active can be a challenge if you have a long term health condition, but it can make a significant difference to your health and well-being and may also ease your symptoms.

If you feel like your condition is holding you back from leading a more active lifestyle and you are over 55 years old, then the Your Personal Best campaign, inspired by the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games, is here to help you with simple advice on how to become more active.

TV personality and dance coach Len Goodman and TV presenter Arlene Phillips are the celebrity faces of Your Personal Best.

Click here for more information

31st January 2012



Discounts for residents are being offered by local companies.

- **Listening to You** - Half price counselling during February
- **Cooks** - 15% off frozen meals delivered to your home
- **Richard Allen, Golf Professional** - Two, one hour golf lessons for £29
- **Great Hairdressing** - Free VIP card giving 10% off hairdressing and associated treatments

Click here for more information.

27th January 2012



Police are warning residents in Sussex to be aware of bogus bank callers after three elderly residents in Crawley received phone calls from people claiming to be from the victim's bank.

The callers convinced the victims that their bank cards had been compromised and said they would send a courier to collect them. A short time later a man arrived and collected the cards. Money was then taken from the accounts at local ATMs.

Detective Constable Matt Wilson of West Sussex CID said: "The caller knew personal information about each victim and they were able to obtain further information during the phone call. If your bank cards are ever compromised your bank does not need them back. They will never collect them but will cancel them and arrange for replacements to be sent. If you receive a call from anyone claiming to be from your bank then you should never give any personal information or your PIN. If you are in any doubt about who the caller is then hang up and call your bank, or if someone arranges to collect your cards call police immediately on 999."

If you would like further advice, you can call Sussex Police on 101 quoting serial 0637 of 21/01, or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800-555111.

24th January 2012



Over the past week the Harbour has seen an increase in bicycle thefts from car ports and undercroft parking areas. Bicycles that have been stolen are generally above £500 each in value. Many of the bicycles had been well secured with heavy duty bicycle locks. Unfortunately, this was not enough to deter those people who were intent on taking the

bicycles.

Officers who were out on patrol at 4am one morning last week spotted three people acting suspiciously in an undercroft to a block of flats in the North Harbour. They were arrested and have been bailed pending further enquiries.

If you have any information regarding these recent thefts or if you would like to receive crime prevention advice then please contact your local officers. Alternatively, please report suspicious activity by dialling 101 (Sussex Police contact number), or contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

24th January 2012

Sovereign Harbour is awarded Five Gold Anchors in The Yacht Harbour Association's prestigious Gold Anchor Award Scheme

This is an outstanding achievement for Premier Marinas with Sovereign Harbour's score ranking amongst the highest in the Scheme. THYA's Gold Anchor Award Scheme offers a trustworthy measure of excellence for boat owners looking to berth a boat on a permanent basis or to visit a marina with the Scheme scoring 1 to 5 Gold Anchors.

Sovereign Harbour's Marina Manager Janet Taylor commented, "We are delighted and honoured to have been awarded the highest accreditation achievable in the Gold Anchor Scheme. We are very proud of the marina's services and facilities. The marina team work extremely hard and it's pleasing to see that this has been recognised by a leading industry award scheme."

Gareth Turnbull, THYA General Manager said, "Our detailed assessment and review of the berth holders' satisfaction at Sovereign Harbour proves that Premier Marinas is helping to set the standard for UK marinas."

The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) provides support for marinas and related businesses throughout the UK and internationally. The Gold Anchor Award Scheme is a voluntary assessment programme which is focused on customer service and providing quality moorings for the boat owner. The ratings range from 1 to 5 Gold Anchors and provide assurance of the credibility and quality of the marina when assessed against the technical criteria based on the Code of Practice for the Construction and Operation of Marinas and Yacht Harbours.

23rd January 2012



Eastbourne RNLI's new Tamar class lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee* is on schedule to be launched as planned on 6th February to commemorate the date on which Queen Elizabeth 11 ascended to the throne in 1952.

Coxswain Mark Sawyer, Mechanic Dan Guy, and Operations Manager Paul Metcalfe have recently visited the Babcock boatyard at Plymouth where the new boat is being built and were delighted to see how quickly the work has progressed. There is still a lot to do but the builders are confident that all targets will be met.

Crew training to operate this state of the art vessel will commence in earnest in May. Five station mechanics will attend a weeks' intensive training at the RNLI lifeboat college at Poole followed by another group of core crew who will also undergo a weeks' full time training. At the end of May *Diamond Jubilee* will arrive in Eastbourne and the remaining crew will undergo up to a month of further training before being passed out by an RNLI inspector. It is hoped the new boat and her crew will be ready for active service by the end of June.

16th January 2012

Consumers are being misled into paying for iPads online that arrive either broken, un-usable or in some cases don't arrive at all.

Consumers who have expressed an interest in the dirt-cheap ipads have been asked to meet in the street or in a pub to buy them for as little as £300. They subsequently discover they have been given boxes



containing broken equipment or nothing at all.

The iPad is completely wrapped up, and is either a second hand one that doesn't work, or some of them have got water gel inside the packet so they feel heavy. If you have bought something brand new off somebody in the street, the chances are something is not right."

Police are warning consumers to buy items like these from a reputable dealer whilst the Trading Standards Message remains; "If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is".

16th January 2012

Volunteers wanted for under-age sales campaigns. Lee Ede, Lead Officer for Under Age Sales at Trading Standards, would like to offer young people the unpaid opportunity to assist officers with its Under Age Test Purchasing Operations across the County.

Volunteers, who need to be between 14 and 16½ and will need the permission of their parent or guardian, will make test purchases of age-restricted goods (such as cigarettes, knives and alcohol) from shops. Some of the exercises take place during the evenings, but at all times you will be accompanied by Trading Standards Officers.

Click here for more details.

Or contact Lee Ede, Fair Trading Officer, East Sussex County Council Trading Standards. 01323 463447 or e-mail Lee

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15th January 2012



Dick Guy, senior member of Eastbourne lifeboat's shore based team, has been presented with a bar to add to his existing long service badge to commemorate nearly 40 years continuous voluntary service which spans three generations of lifeboats in the town.

Dick, who works for local firm Alfa Laval, volunteered to join Eastbourne RNLI's lifeboat crew in 1974 and followed in the footsteps of his father who served in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

When Dick first joined, both boats were based at Fisherman's Green and the then all weather lifeboat was the Watson class 'Beryl Tollemache'. In those days launching an all weather lifeboat (ALB) was a much more complicated and labour intensive operation than it is today involving up to 15 volunteers.

Over the years Dick progressed to senior launcher until operations were transferred to Sovereign Harbour in 2003. With Dick's encouragement both his sons (pictured with Operations Manager Paul Metcalfe) also joined the service; Dan is now full time mechanic and a deputy coxswain and Tim a volunteer crewman aboard the ALB

9th January 2012

We have been advised by Police that there have been thefts, and attempted thefts, from undercroft parking areas in apartment blocks. Police have also recovered some tools and would like to hear from anybody who might be the lawful owner.

Residents are asked to keep careful watch when entering and leaving these areas, and advised to ensure that vehicles and cycles are securely locked, and no items of value are left in open view.

If you have any information, please contact PC Ed Faulkner on 07787 685813 (e-mail Ed) or PCSO Martin Hylands on 07909 873787 (e-mail Martin)

9th January 2012



Yoga for beginners classes will be held on the 2nd floor of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on Monday 9th January at 11am, and on Monday 16th January at 11am and 6pm. Thereafter, classes will be held every Monday at 11am and 6pm.

Classes cost £5 per session, and participants must bring their own mat. ***Advanced booking is essential***.

For more information, or to book your place, call Sandy on 07984-915916, or e-mail sandy.searches@gmail.com

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5th January 2012



If you haven't already disposed of your old Christmas tree, help the environment and support Eastbourne new lifeboat appeal all in one move.

Local tree surgeons PJ Chaffin have donated their tree shredding equipment and trained staff to dispose of all old Christmas trees brought along to the inshore lifeboat station at Fisherman's Green, **on Saturday 7th January between 9am and 4pm**.

No charge will be made, but you can make a contribution to the new lifeboat appeal.

4th January 2012

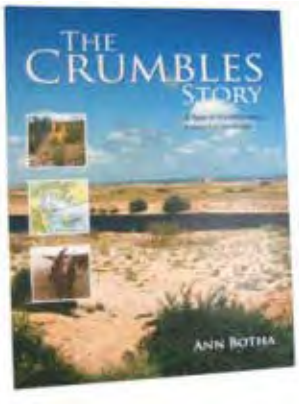


Sovereign Harbour Debating Society (SHDS) meetings will resume after the holiday break on Wednesday January 11.

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday in the annexe of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront at 3pm.

Membership is free and new members are always welcome; just turn up on the day, or e-mail for more information.

The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA - Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?



We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

If you are interested in the history of the land on which Sovereign Harbour is built, the industry and events that took place on it, and its unique flora and fauna, this little book is for you, and at just £7.99, it won't break the bank. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.

To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to crumbles@shra.co.uk simply saying you would like a copy of the book and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link which will take you through the online paying process (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

Or send a cheque for £7.99, payable to SHRA, with your name and address to:

The Crumbles Story
SHRA
PO Box 124
Eastbourne
East Sussex BN24 9AW

The price includes delivery - we will pop your book through your letter box, or post it to you if outside the area.

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30th June 2012

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its June 2012 Newsletter.



There's lots of news and advice to keep you and you hard earned cash safe from criminals over the holiday period.

Click here to download the complete newsletter

29th June 2012



RNLB *"The Royal Thames"*, which has served Eastbourne so well since 1993, left Sovereign Harbour, by road this morning, on route to RNLI headquarters at Poole, where two new engines are waiting to be installed. On completion of the work, she will soon enjoy a new lease of life.

After her transom has been suitably sign-written with her new home port, she will be taken to the RNLI's newest lifeboat station at Leverburgh on the Isle of Harris to be welcomed by her new crew.

The Royal Thames has served Eastbourne very well over the years having responded to 960 emergency calls, rescued 1520 people and, using strict RNLI criteria, saved 115 lives.

29th June 2012

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Eastbourne's Community Safety Partnership want people to know that police are currently tackling a spate of mobile phone thefts in pubs and clubs across the town. Victims of this crime, statistically women in their 20's may think their phones are safe and secure in their handbags while they enjoy a night out but thieves are boldly helping themselves by dipping in to get their phones out

One way of stopping these culprits in their tracks is an app produced by Apple called Find my iPhone.

Click here for more information.



28th June 2012



On Wednesday evening, after many weeks of intensive training, all members of the volunteer crew passed their final assessments with RNLI inspectors thus enabling the towns new Tamar class lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee* to officially become Eastbourne's serving all-weather lifeboat and mark the start of a new era.

Many of the volunteer crew took either unpaid leave or used their holiday entitlement to complete their training at the RNLI College at Poole, afloat on extended passages and in home waters off Eastbourne. As Coxswain and training co-ordinator Mark Sawyer said "This level of commitment from our volunteers demonstrates the dedication they have to saving lives at sea and they are a credit to themselves and indeed the whole town".

Meanwhile the towns outgoing 18 year old lifeboat *The Royal Thames* will soon enjoy a new lease of life. She is to be transported to RNLI headquarters at Poole on Friday where two new engines are waiting to be installed, then after her transom has been suitably sign-written with her new home port will be taken to the RNLI's newest lifeboat station at Leverburgh on the Isle of Harris to be welcomed by her new crew. *The Royal Thames* has served Eastbourne very well over the years having responded to 960 emergency calls, rescued 1520 people and, using strict RNLI criteria, saved 115 lives.

The crew, some of whom have served aboard since she first arrived in

Eastbourne in 1993, bid an emotional farewell and wish her and her new crew continued success.

28th June 2012



The new lifeboat at Eastbourne RNLI Lifeboat Station will be officially named "*Diamond Jubilee*" by Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex in a special ceremony being held next week.

Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess will preside over the ceremony to officially hand the new £2.7M Tamar class lifeboat over to the station.

The ceremony, which takes place on Thursday 5th July at Sovereign Harbour marina, will formally name the new *"Diamond Jubilee"* lifeboat, which was specially selected to participate in the pageant on the River Thames over The Diamond Jubilee weekend.

The Tamar lifeboat was funded by two generous legacies and a £1M public appeal for funds, which was met with a fantastic response from supporters of the lifeboat charity. She was built by Babcock's boatyard at Plymouth, after which crew training started in May.

The naming ceremony and service of dedication will take place near the marina adjacent to Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. The Earl and Countess of Wessex will arrive at the ceremony mid morning and will spend some time meeting Eastbourne's lifeboat crew members, RNLI fundraisers, RNLI staff and special guests, as well as naming the lifeboat.

Paul Metcalfe, Lifeboat Operations Manager at Eastbourne RNLI Lifeboat Station, said he was looking forward to the ceremony: 'When the RNLI first launched the £1M Eastbourne Lifeboat Station Appeal back in 2011 we were all hugely honoured. As one of the busiest lifeboat stations in the country, to be told we were in line to receive a Tamar class lifeboat was fantastic news.

'And then, to learn that it would happen in the Diamond Jubilee year of our Patron -, Her Majesty The Queen, and that the *"Diamond Jubilee"* would be part of the flotilla in the pageant; well that was just the icing on the cake. This ceremony will be a fitting tribute so we are very excited indeed to welcome Their Royal Highnesses to Eastbourne for this celebration.'

The *"Diamond Jubilee"* lifeboat was officially placed on service at Eastbourne on Wednesday 27 June. She replaces the old Mersey class lifeboat, *"The Royal Thames"*, which has been in service since 6th September 1993. In that time the volunteer lifeboat crew have launched her 960 times and rescued 1,520 people – of that number, 115 people were classed as 'lives saved' where, were it not for the lifeboat's involvement, the casualties involved would have surely lost their lives.

The Royal party will join Dr Colin McKee, Chairman of the Eastbourne Lifeboat Management Group, representatives of the lifeboat's donors, Paul Boissier, Chief Executive of the RNLI, and Paul Metcalfe at the ceremony.

28th June 2012

Visitors to the 'Collective Spirit' Lone Twin Boat Project on 5 July are being called on to help create Eastbourne's very own digital collage, as a special tribute to the maiden voyage visit.

Artist Alicja Rogalska and Towner will be running a waterside workshop from 10am to 5pm at Sovereign Harbour, asking visitors to bring along their own treasured object to be photographed, and to help shape Eastbourne's own collage as a tribute to the London 2012 Festival.



Alicja is a visual artist based in London working in sculpture, installation, photography and video. This will be her first collaboration with the people of Eastbourne and the final collage will be on display on the Towner website and in their café from 6th – 12th July.

Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet Member for Tourism and Leisure, Cllr Neil Stanley said "We're hoping to create a fitting tribute to this fantastic piece of sailing artwork – this is a must see from the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad and a living archive of stories from across the region. This is our chance to tell Eastbourne's story so far for 2012."

Visitors will have the chance to see the boat up close, meet the crew and hear tales of the voyage so far. All tours must be booked on the day and sea shanty singing follows from 4pm.

Visit the boat at Sovereign Harbour on 5th July and book your free tour on the day from the Waterfront from 1pm.

Click here for more information

View the final collage at www.townereastbourne.org.uk.

23rd June 2012

Once again, Government cuts are threatening cuts in services at the Eastbourne District Hospital and, once again, the "SavetheDGH" campaign has been forced into action.



This week, Stephen Lloyd MP secured a debate in Parliament to press the case for Eastbourne's hospital.

In a statement, Mr Lloyd said: "This week I received a letter from Anne Milton MP, at the Department of Health, who said that 'All service changes must be lead by clinicians and patients' which is certainly not being upheld in this instance!

Liz Walke, Chair of the cross party SavetheDGH Campaign, is doing a fantastic job in leading the campaign group, so please do keep reading the Herald and listening to local TV and radio for further information as we make sure the town is kept informed of the consultation process.

Our strength is that Eastbourne and Willingdon remains utterly united in its determination to keep DGH as a fully functioning hospital, long into the future."

Click here to read the Hansard report of the debate.

Click here to read the Minister's response.

Click here to read the BBC report of the debate.

Click here to visit the "SavetheDGH" website.

Click here to read May 2008 issue of Waterlines.

22nd July 2012

The Olympic Torch Relay Route through Eastbourne on 17th July has been published.



Click on image for a printable version
Map courtesy of *Visit Eastbourne*

22nd June 2012



East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Highways Department has issued notice of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Macquarie Quay in the North Harbour.

The RTO proposes that double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) should be installed in two areas of the development.

Objections, or other representations, must be made to ESCC, in writing, by 5th July.

Click here to download the RTO notice.

21st June 2012

Thursday July 5 will be a very special day for Sovereign Harbour. The Earl and Countess of Wessex (Prince Edward and Sophie) will visiting the harbour, as the guests of the RNLI, to officially name Eastbourne's new Tamar class lifeboat "Diamond Jubilee".

On the same day, the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront will be hosting the visit of "Collective Spirit", which has been described as "a state-of-the art piece of waterborne artwork".

Click here for more information

21st June 2012

Lock up your bicycles, or risk losing them! That's the advice of the Eastbourne East Neighbourhood Policing Team.



After a period in which thefts of bicycles had reduced, there has been a spate of thefts around the harbour. Police advise is that, wherever possible, bicycles should be kept in a locked shed or garage but, if this isn't possible, they should be attached to a solid structure with a purpose built lock.

If you notice any unusual activity of this kind, please call the Police non-emergency helpline, 101.

If you witness a theft in progress, you should call 999.

15th June 2012

Is your gas boiler installed on an inside wall? If so, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Gas Safe say you could be in danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

If you do have a boiler where all, or part of, the flue cannot be seen, you, or your landlord, will need to arrange for inspection hatches to be fitted. ***This does not mean that your flue system is suddenly unsafe***. As long as the boiler passes a series of safety checks – including having audible carbon monoxide alarms fitted – it can be used normally for the time being.

However, carbon monoxide alarms are not an alternative to being able to see the flue and you will still need to have inspection hatches fitted. You have until 31st December 2012 for this work to be completed, but is recommended that inspection hatches are fitted as soon as you are able to do so.

There is no legal duty on the consumer to have inspection hatches installed. However, there is a long-standing legal duty on gas engineers to be able to visually check the flue to ensure it is safe. In the majority of cases this will be only be possible though the installation of inspection hatches. If gas engineers cannot view the flue along its length they will they will advise you from 1st January 2013 that the installation is "At Risk" and will seek your permission to turn it off.

Click here to visit the HSE website

Click here to visit the Gas Safe website

Click here for Gas Safe Frequently Asked Questions.

12th June 2012



Eastbourne RNLI's new Tamar class lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee* had her first rescue in home waters at the weekend when the crew diverted from training to pluck a swimmer from storm tossed seas

Whilst the volunteer lifeboat crew were continuing their intensive training on Friday evening prior to the new Eastbourne boat becoming fully operational, Dover coastguard received several 999 calls alerting them to a swimmer clinging desperately to the channel marker buoys at the entrance to Sovereign Harbour. With no time to spare *Diamond Jubilee* was given an emergency exit from the locks and was on scene within a few minutes.

The swimmer was taken aboard using the boats specialist casualty recovery equipment and, after medical assessment, passed ashore by the ILB which by then was also on scene to be met by local Coastguard Officers.

11th June 2012



Picture, Tony Smith

The Matthew of Bristol sailed into Sovereign Harbour on the afternoon of 11th June. A faithful replica of a Tudor merchant sailing ship typical of those that would have traded on the River Thames in Henry VII's reign, this vessel took part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on 3rd June, and is returning to its home port, Bristol.

The Italian navigator Giovanni Cabboto (John Cabot), who sailed the original Matthew, may have met The King at the Tower of London to discuss his venture to sail across the Atlantic in 1497.

The Matthew will spend the night at the visitor berth in the inner harbour and is expected to leave in the morning.

9th June 2012



Members of the SHRA committee met ward councillors, Gordon Jenkins and Philip Ede, County Councillor, David Elkin and Marina Manager, Janet Taylor on the outer harbour at the recently installed Sea-bird Interpretation Board.

The board, which was jointly funded from the devolved ward budget and SHRA funds, shows images of many of the sea-birds commonly seen at Sovereign Harbour.

Our thanks go to Eastbourne Borough Council, and also to the RSPB for allowing us to use images from its image library, free of charge, to Premier Marinas for allowing us to install the board on its land, to Pevensey Coastal Defences for installing it and to Identity Signage and Printing for printing and mounting the image.

3rd June 2012



Alison Attwood and Brian Holmes with the winning Sovereign Harbour float.

The Sovereign Harbour community entry won best float in the "Royal Theme" class in the 2012 Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival. Stephen Lloyd MP said, "The Sovereign float was just stunning; well done to all."

Massive credit goes to Alison Attwood who worked so hard to bring the SHECAT team together and to Brian Holmes for turning the design into the winning float.

Alison said, "This has been a wonderful example of the whole community working together. In the carnival supplement in last week's Herald our entry appears as SHRA (Sovereign Harbour Residents Association). Our entry is in fact "Sovereign Harbour Community" as it includes SHRA, plus Harbour Community Association, Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour, Brushstrokes Art Group, Haven Primary School, the Maritime Volunteer Service, a clutch of residents and a ward councillor (plus support from Harbour Friends, Premier Marinas, the fishing fleet and the yacht club).

Click here for more photographs of the Sovereign Harbour and other entries.

2nd June 2012

The harbour has float in the Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival!

The SHECAT team have put in huge amount of work to produce a fantastic Sovereign Harbour entry, so do come along to see it, support your neighbourhood float, and enjoy the carnival atmosphere.

The parade will assemble on the road between the Sovereign Centre and Fisherman's Green. Judging will take place soon after 5pm and the procession will start its route to The Western Lawns at 6pm, arriving there between 7 and 7.30pm.

Spectators should note that at the Lifeboat Museum the parade will split with the vehicles on one side of the road and the walkers on the other. It is therefore better to watch the parade west of Fishermen's Green and east of

Carlisle Road.

Large crowds are expected around the Pier and the organisers will manage this area carefully with additional stewards, but you should avoid this area if possible.

Click here to visit the SHECAT website.

30th May 2012



Thousands of supporters lined the quayside **in glorious sunshine at Sovereign** Harbour yesterday afternoon to welcome Eastbourne RNLI's new all weather lifeboat "Diamond Jubilee" to her new home.

The state of the art vessel liaised with the station's current boat along with lifeboats from their flank stations from Newhaven and Hastings at Beachy Head and paraded along the seafront to the delight of waiting holidaymakers. As she majestically swept into the harbour entrance she was greeted by thousands of flag waving supporters.

Coxswain Mark Sawyer later said that he was amazed that so many people had turned out to welcome the volunteer crew home which, he said, demonstrates the fantastic level of support the town has for its lifeboats. Mark added that he was immensely proud to have been given the honour of bringing the new boat home and was looking forward to the weekend when she will take pride of place in the Queens Pageant along the Thames.

SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, said: "This is a great day for Eastbourne, and for the Eastbourne RNLI in particular. I'm sure that Sovereign Harbour residents will join me in expressing their pride that Diamond Jubilee will be stationed at Sovereign Harbour, and in wishing her, and her incredible crew, every success in her years of service."

Click here for more photographs.

25th May 2012



Premier Marinas has given advanced warning of essential maintenance work on the North Harbour bridge.

The work will take place on Wednesday 30th May from 10:00 to 11:00, and again from 11:30 to 12:30.

There may be some disturbance to pedestrians, and Premier Marinas apologises for any inconvenience.

24th May 2012



A non-profit cooperative has been proposed to sell home made produce and crafts, and small collectables, through a Community Market.

It is proposed that the market, which will be limited to thirty tables, will be held in the annex of Simply Italian at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront on Thursdays, from 9,30am until midday.

Anybody interested in helping to set-up and manage the market, or selling their goods or produce, is asked to contact Sam Sweiry on 01323-479111.

21st May 2012



As summer approaches, the annual problems of anti-social parking are likely, once again, to become an issue.

Many residents feel that there is insufficient enforcement action taken at the harbour, but we have been assured you that the NSL enforcement team visits this area on a regular basis. This year, 105 visits to the area have been carried out by enforcement officers this year with nine fixed penalty notices issued.

Atlantic and Pacific Drives are the only two roads within the harbour area that can be enforced at present, although the highways team are working on other roads at present.

NSL will be putting in some extra visits to the harbour, but there is no guarantee that the offending vehicles will be there when they visit. We always welcome Information about the times/days when vehicles are parking in contravention is always welcome, as visits can then be targetted around these times.

If anyone does spot any vehicles parked against the yellow lines in Pacific Drive or Atlantic Drive, these can be reported to the Parking Information Centre on 0845 680 1129 or by email to EastbournePIC@nsl.co.uk.

14th May 2012



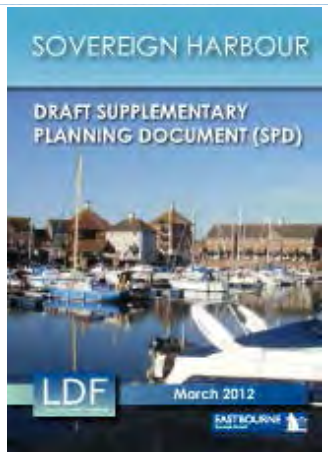
At the SHRA AGM on 3rd May, members gave their overwhelming support to a motion by SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, that the association should donate £500 from its funds to support the Eastbourne Lifeboat Appeal.

On Sunday 13th May, current SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks presented a cheque for £500 to Lifeboat Operations Manager, Paul Metcalfe, and Lifeboat Doctor, Dr Colin McKee, outside the Lifeboat Station at Sovereign Harbour.

8th May 2012

Residents of Sovereign Harbour are being urged to comment on new plans for further development in the area. The council-led consultation will run until July 24, allowing residents to have their say on the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The document provides guidance on the uses



considered to be appropriate for each of the remaining development sites at the Harbour, including details of the size, scale and form of development and the specific community benefits to be delivered.

Consultation on the draft plan will take place between 1st May and 24th July and a public exhibition will be held at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on 30th June.

The Supplementary Planning Document follows a series of workshops led by Stephen Lloyd MP, the Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, Cllr David Tutt and the Leader of the opposition Cllr David Elkin, together with the ward Councillors and the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association, to ensure Sovereign Harbour moves closer to seeing the delivery of better community facilities.

Sovereign Harbour currently lacks a dedicated community centre and the SPD acknowledges that this needs to be delivered before there is any further housing development.

The document, given the green light by the Council's Cabinet on April 18, is free to download from the Council's website and can be viewed at the Council Offices and the Central Library.

Other issues that the SPD will address at Sovereign Harbour include the lack of open space and children's play areas, the provision of additional retail, leisure and employment uses, accessibility across the neighbourhood via a range of transport methods and the operational needs of the fishermen and boats.

In order to deliver the community benefits that the neighbourhood needs, it is acknowledged that some additional housing will be provided. However this would be a maximum of 150 dwellings and the majority of these would be houses rather than flats.

Stephen Lloyd said "Trying to move Sovereign Harbour forward has been one of my most challenging tasks since I was elected as the town's MP two years ago. We are all too aware of the lack of recreational space, the absence of a community centre and the justifiably strong feelings against the building of new homes. The SHRA, Council, respective political parties and the Sovereign Ward Councillors have worked incredibly hard to find a constructive way forward; I think we've managed it and I hope you, the harbour residents, agree."

Cllr David Tutt said "Making sure we achieve the best possible outcome for Sovereign Harbour by achieving the much needed community facilities is essential. Hearing the views of local people is an integral part of this process and I would encourage as many people as possible to make the most of the consultation process."

David Elkin, Opposition Leader, said "By working together we have been able to develop a positive plan which seeks to secure the facilities the Sovereign Harbour community urgently needs. It is crucial therefore that we now hear the views of local people."

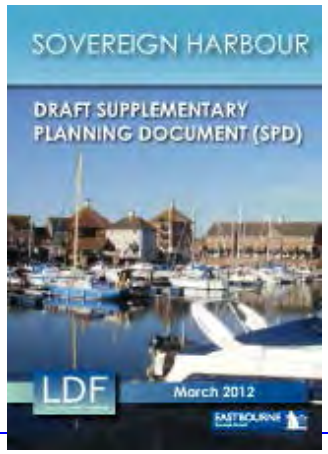
Rick Runalls, Chairman of the SHRA said, "This is the first time there has been a plan which integrates the needs of the community, the Council and the local environment in the final phase of harbour completion. We hope that Carillion, the principal land owner, will take the opportunity to partner this vision and I urge residents to come forward and use the consultation process to make their

views known."

Comments can be submitted by post to Planning Policy, 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4TW, by email or via the on-line portal.

There is a response form that can be completed and posted back, and this can be downloaded from the web page or is available from 1 Grove Road reception.

2nd May 2012



Consultation is now open on the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood. You can read the SPD, and make your comments, on the Online Consultation Portal.

The SPD reinforces the vision for the neighbourhood set out in the Local Development Framework Core Strategy, and this will be your final opportunity to make your views known. It is very important that as many of you as possible participate so that the Borough Council can be sure it reflects what you want for the final stages of the harbour development.

30th April 2012



Another harbour resident, who abandoned, a trolley after shopping at Asda received a nasty shock last week.

She was observed by an Eastbourne Borough Council Enforcement Officer, who issued a £75 fixed penalty, on the spot, under section 87 of the Environmental Protection Act.

Fixed penalties can also be issued for graffiti, repairing vehicles on the road, dog fouling and street trading. In cases where fixed penalties are not paid, and no arrangement for payment by instalments has not been made, EBC policy is to prosecute.

29th April 2012



Congratulations to Angelo Errigo.

At the Eastbourne Herald Achievers ceremony held at the Winter Gardens last week, harbour resident, Angelo Errigo was presented with a "Highly Commended" award in the Good Neighbour/Unsung Hero category.

Angelo has freely given his time and expertise to a number of harbour groups over the years, so this award is very well deserved.

22nd April 2012



The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour's second annual Harbour Walk will take place today. This year, the proceeds will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind, and other Rotary charities.

The gentle 5Km walk around the marina promenades starts at midday behind CineWorld at the Waterfront, and finishes at the same place, just in time for lunch or a drink.

If you haven't already pre-registered, don't worry, you can just turn up and

register at the start.

If you can't make it, but would still like to support this very worthwhile charity, you can do so online.

Click here for more information, or to make a donation.

20th April 2012



Prudential has issued the following statement concerning the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park planning application:

"Following the submission of its planning application on 11th October 2011 for a mixed use leisure and retail development at Sovereign Harbour Retail Park, The Prudential confirms approval of it by Eastbourne Borough Council's Planning Committee on 17th April. The application received significant support from the local community and Sovereign Harbour Ward Councillors, and the company would like to express its gratitude to those individuals and organisations who took the trouble to write to the Council expressing such support, and in particular to those who attended the Planning Committee meeting.

During the last six months, The Prudential has amended the application, and agreed to various restrictions on the proposed retail units on the development. The Officers report on the application however went further than those agreed positions, and the company does now need to assess the implications of this decision.

The application will now be referred to the Secretary of State who will decide whether to allow the Council to proceed to grant planning permission, or to call it in for an Inquiry followed by his own determination. In the spirit of localism, The Prudential hopes that the Secretary of State will not call in the application."

20th April 2012

Police have informed us that, in response to enquiries from members of the public, concerning charity collectors working at Sovereign Harbour.

They are pleased to confirm that enquiries to the Battersea Dogs and Cats home have confirmed that the collectors are genuine, and the public should not be concerned.

Click here to visit the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home website.

19th April 2012

Summer Receptionist Vacancy

PREMIER SOVEREIGN HARBOUR

26th May until 2nd September 2012
Weekend working between12:00-20:00hrs

Reception experience preferable, good customer service and basic IT skills are required. Ideal candidates must be able to work with a small team and work well under pressure.

Applications in writing only, including full CV, and details of employee references to
Dave Needham, Assistant Manager,
Premier Marinas (Eastbourne) Ltd,
Sovereign Harbour Marina,
North Lockside, Pacific Drive
Eastbourne, East Sussex,
BN23 5BJ

Closing date for all positions 4th May 2012

19th April 2012



At the meeting of the Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet at the Town Hall yesterday evening, members of the SHRA committee urged members not to endorse the major modifications to the Eastbourne Plan that would remove the District Centre designation of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park and Waterfront.

Council Leader, Cllr David Tutt said the results of the ongoing consultation would be considered by the LDF all-party steering committee, which would then make recommendations to the Cabinet. Whatever these may be, the plan will be examined in public by a Planning Inspector before going forward.

The consultation ends on 20th April and more information is available in SHRA ebulletin Issue 41, which has already been sent out to registered recipients.

Click here to download the e-bulletin as a pdf

Click here to go to the online consultation website.

Click here to register for future e-bulletins.

18th April 2012



After a long debate, the EBC Planning Committee approved the application for the regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.

The planning officers had proposed acceptance of the application, but with severe trading restrictions. The applicant's agent indicated that these would make the application unviable, and that failure to remove them would result in the abandonment of the project.

A spokesman for Legal and General, which will be financing the Town Centre regeneration, stated that without the restrictive conditions, the application would endanger the progress of its proposed project, and urged the committee to refuse the application outright. At the very least, he said, all of the restrictive trading conditions must remain in place. SHRA Deputy Chairman, Jan Weeks, and Cllrs David Elkin and Patrick Warner spoke in support of the application and, in the ensuing debate, Planning Committee member, Cllr Gordon Jenkins, argued strenuously for the removal of the restrictive conditions.

Cllr Jenkins managed to persuade his committee colleagues that the majority of the conditions should be removed, and the application was finally approved at about 10pm.

We must now wait to see if Prudential is willing to proceed with the remaining conditions in place, and the consent must still be ratified by the Secretary of State.

17th April 2012

The organisers of the 'Night to Remember' midnight walk event are appealing for volunteers, male or female, to help on 19th and 20th May 2012. The walk, in aid of Chestnut Tree House and St. Barnabas, starts at midnight.

There are various roles from 8pm till 5am (on the 20th May), including marshalling the route, keeping the ladies safe, serving them medals and a breakfast after they have completed the 10 mile course.

Click here to download an application form.
E-mail the organisers
Click here to visit the Chestnut Tree House website
Click here to visit the St Barnabas website

17th April 2012



The Planning Committee will, this evening, make an important decision on the application for the regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park. Approval is vital; rejection will have a far reaching impact on the future sustainability of the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood.

Unfortunately, the application has come under sustained attacks from those with vested interests in the Town Centre redevelopment and it is being portrayed, wrongly, we believe, as detrimental to that development.

In line with the views of the 500 plus residents who gave this project their approval at the public consultation, members of the SHRA committee will be speaking in support of the application.

The Planning Committee meeting will be held in the Town Hall, starting at 6pm; if you have a couple of hours to spare, please come along to add your support.

14th April 2012

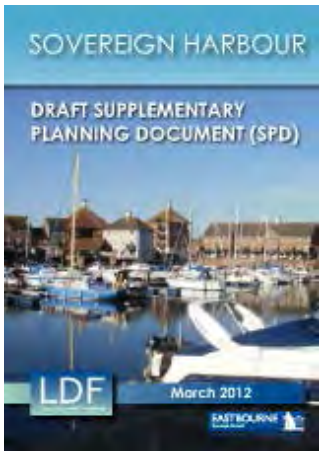
The organisers of the harbour carnival entry (SHECAT) are trying to sort out the music for the float. They are desperately looking for a car CD player or car amplifier that we could use/borrow for the event.

One of those radio/CD players that you can take out of the car when parking in dodgy areas is just the sort of thing they need.

If you have one or know someone who might be able to help, please e-mail Alison

Click here to visit the SHECAT website.

13th April 2012



A Press Release jointly issued today by Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) and the SHRA begins:

"Sovereign Harbour has moved a significant step closer to seeing the delivery of the community facilities it currently lacks.

In a series of workshops led by Stephen Lloyd MP, the Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, David Tutt, Opposition Leader, David Elkin, together with the ward councillors and Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), a plan for the future of each of the remaining development sites has been prepared.

Once the Draft Plan has been considered by the council's cabinet committee, local residents will be asked for their views."

Click here to read the full text on the EBC website

12th April 2012



About fifty members attended the April 11 meeting of the Sovereign Harbour Social Club, where the guests were Nigel Lockwood from "Guide Dogs" and Steve Pratt and his dog.

The club presented Nigel with a cheque for £25, and members also contributed £42.90 in a bucket collection, which will be added to the money being raised by the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour through the Harbour Walk.

The Harbour Social Club meets every Wednesday from 10 – 11.30am in the annex of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.

Click here to visit the Harbour Social Club website.

12th April 2012

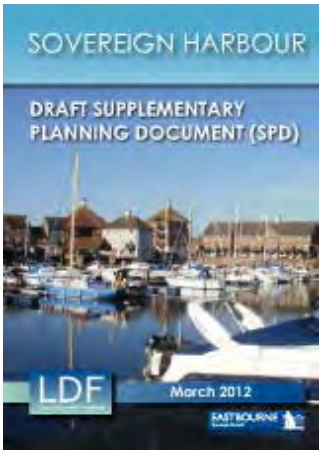


Meetings of the Sovereign Harbour Debating Society will resume in the Simply Italian Annex on April 18, from 2.30 - 4pm.

The group will meet under its new name "Eastbourne Sovereign Harbour Discussion Group".

Membership is free and all are welcome.

11th April 2012



The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood has been published. This document reinforces the neighbourhood vision in the "Eastbourne Plan 2006-2027 -Core Strategy" and outlines proposals for the completion of the harbour development.

These plans will be considered by the Planning and Cabinet Committees before being put to the public for further consultation. The final document will be submitted for inclusion in the Eastbourne Plan later this year.

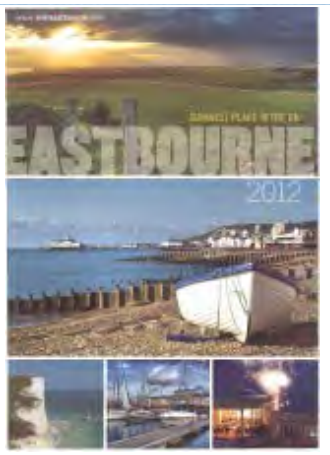
Click here to download the draft SPD (5Mb)

9th April 2012

It's very pleasing to see that the Eastbourne map in the centre of the 2012 issue of the "Visit Eastbourne" brochure now includes Sovereign Harbour.

We are also pleased to say that, thanks to the generosity of Eastbourne Borough Council, you can now view the map on this website.

The copyright of the map remains with the council, so it is only available for your personal use, and may not be copied, reprinted, reproduced in any form or in part without the council's prior written consent.



Click here to view the map.

9th April 2012



As a result of proposals to make major modifications to the Eastbourne Plan 2006-2027 Core Strategy, Eastbourne Borough Council has been obliged by the Planning Inspectorate to conduct further public consultation. The consultation is now open for comment online and will close on 20th April.

The proposed changes, if agreed, will remove the retail park's "District Shopping Centre" designation, and downgrade it to an "Out of Town Shopping Centre". This will put significant limitations on the mix of retail outlets that can be offered, and has already resulted in changes to the planning application.

More information is available in SHRA ebulletin Issue 41, which has already been sent out to registered recipients.

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6th April 2012



The following statement was sent to the SHRA by Neighbourhood Police Sergeant, Ed Ripley:

"The issue of speeding vehicles is often raised and discussed at community meetings. It is a problem that affects local communities and we're keen to do as much as possible to identify offenders.

Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Neighbourhood Response Teams have been active in the area and, hopefully, you will have recently seen them operating in Pacific Drive in particular.

Officers have stopped a number of drivers, and I hope that word has started to get around that we will support the community in addressing this issue. We have achieved some great results and fixed penalty notices have been issued to some drivers who were travelling in considerably above the enforced speed limit.

If you have any information regarding anti-social driving or speeding in your area then please contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 or report the vehicle via the Operation Crackdown website."

6th April 2012

The Association of British Insurers (ABI), British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) and the Government have signed an agreement to make it easier for older people to get motor and travel insurance, and to clarify how insurance premiums are priced to take account of risk including age.

From 6th April 2012, if an older person is refused a quotation by an insurer because of their age, they will be referred to another insurance provider better placed to help them, or to the industry signposting service.

The insurance industry will also provide information to show the link between age and increased risk - so that people have a better understanding of the impact that age has on prices. The first set of data will be published in June this year.

The Government welcomes this agreement because the insurance industry has recognised that older people can find it difficult to get motor and travel insurance and are taking action to improve access and transparency.

These are areas where it is know that people are concerned and, with growing numbers of older people, it is even more important for Government and business to respond. The agreement is a good example of Government and business working together to get a better deal for older people.

Click here to download the ABI/BIBA Press Release.

5th April 2012



Sovereign Polyphony would like to thank everyone from the Harbour area who supported "Simply Songs" on 21st March at Simply Italian. The donation from management and customers of £310 was shared between the Eastbourne Blind Society and Pompe Disease UK.

See events pages for future Sovereign Polyphony and Sovereign Singers concerts.

5th April 2012

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb) has submitted a planning application to Eastbourne Borough Council for a new ambulance community response post (ACRP).

The ACRP in Pevensey Bay Road, if given the green light, would improve the Trust's emergency cover in Eastbourne. The post will provide ambulance clinicians with a base to operate from between emergencies rather than waiting on the roadside as they have done up to now in this area.

ACRPs have a rest area, free-view television, internet access, toilet facilities and provision to make hot meals and drinks. Facilities would be available to the staff around the clock, giving more flexibility for emergency cover for Eastbourne overnight.

In 2011 the Trust had a planning application approved to create an ambulance community response post on the grounds of Eastbourne College on Summerdown Road.

SECAmb Senior Operations Manager for Eastbourne, James Pavey said: "This is a location which is operationally important as it will allow us to spread our resources to match patient demand more effectively. The new facility will also

give our crews access to appropriate facilities, rather than roadside standby in their vehicles."

The project forms part of a wider plan to improve the emergency cover in the area as the Trust is also looking to develop a third community response post at Polegate.

Click here to visit the South East Coast Ambulance Service website.

4th April 2012



Many residents contacted our Neighbourhood Policing Team with information on the vicious attack by dogs on a cat.

Police have issued the following statement:

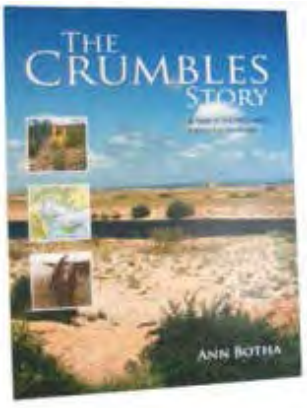
"On 23rd February 2012 an incident where a dog attacked and killed a cat took place in Madeira Way, Eastbourne. This incident was particularly nasty, and resulted in the death of a much loved pet. Police were informed and they appealed for information from local people about the ownership of the dogs involved. Many residents came forward with information anonymously, and this provided Police with enquiries to complete.

PC Ed Faulkner, Neighbourhood Constable for Sovereign Harbour, said "I said at the time that this was a horrific incident, and the response from the local community has been excellent. This goes to re-confirm the strong community spirit that exists, and I thank everyone for that. This information led me to an owner of two dogs who lives on South Harbour, and I visited this person with Sue Criddle, the dog welfare officer. This person has denied being involved in this incident, and denied all knowledge of it. We were allowed to examine the dogs and, it was the opinion of Sue that these dogs were not dangerous; there was, therefore, no action that could be taken.

I understand the depth of feeling that exists over this incident, and the fact that we will not be able to bring about a successful prosecution will disappoint many. However please be assured that we, in cooperation with our colleagues from the Borough Council, will be vigilant in identifying any dangerous animals that may be around. We welcome any reports from residents if they are concerned about any pets living nearby, and all of them will be treated seriously and investigated."

If you have any information or concerns, please contact PC Ed Faulkner on 07787-685813, or PCSO Martin Hylands on 07909-873787.

The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA - Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?



We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

If you are interested in the history of the land on which Sovereign Harbour is built, the industry and events that took place on it, and its unique flora and fauna, this little book is for you, and at just £7.99, it won't break the bank. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.

To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to crumbles@shra.co.uk simply saying you would like a copy of the book and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link which will take you through the

online paying process (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

Or send a cheque for £7.99, payable to SHRA, with your name and address to:

The Crumbles Story
SHRA
PO Box 124
Eastbourne
East Sussex BN24 9AW

The price includes delivery - we will pop your book through your letter box, or post it to you if outside the area.

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29th September 2012

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its September 2012 Newsletter.

There's lots of news and advice to keep you and you hard earned cash safe from criminals.

Click here to download the newsletter.

27th September 2012

The September issue of the Trading Standards newsletter, TSConnect, is now available for download. Subjects covered include:

- Cooper is always forgotten: Colt Building Contractors Ltd
- Buy With Confidence supermarket campaign
- The changing faces of Trading Standards
- New website launched to improve labour market
- Focus on Wave Leisure>Enterprising East Sussex takes car hire company to court
- Hailsham learning disability safety scheme is a County first
- Buy With Confidence members conference

Click here to download a copy

26th September 2012

"OPUS 12" is a new, harbour based, small group for dedicated, acapella singers who have a high level of musicianship.

Its repertoire will cover an eclectic mix of classical music ranging from the 16th to the 21st centuries. The group aims to perform in different venues and events.

For more details about joining the group, please contact Michael Chiswick on 01323-479032 or 07876-178532 or e-mail Michael.

26th September 2012

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The Caer Urfa has been a familiar sight in the Sovereign Harbour marina for nine and a half years. For much of that time she has been berthed in the North Harbour adjacent to Hamilton Quay.

However, on the afternoon of 20th September, she sailed out of the harbour on route for Shoreham, where she will berthed by her new owners.

Click here to view a video of her departure.

25th September 2012



Autumn seems to have arrived already so with the next spring tides not far away the bulldozer has arrived to start work this afternoon.

It will be joined on Monday by a small recycling team that will start at Beachlands and then move east. They are expected to be here for two weeks, so that everything is ready for the 8.0m tide on 17th October.

25th September 2012



Eastbourne District Police Commander, Jayne Dando, has issued the following statement.

"I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the latest press release relating to the continuing search for missing Eastbourne teenager, Megan Stammers. Megan was last seen on Friday 21st September and is believed to be in France with Jeremy Forrest from Ringmer, East Sussex.

We know that Megan crossed from Dover to Calais at around time 9.20 on Friday evening (21 September). It is believed she is still in France and we are in contact with the French authorities.
Yesterday afternoon, there was a press conference at Police Headquarters in Lewes where detectives and Megan's family appealed for her to return home. This was featured on the evening news programmes.

We are working closely with our partners at Bishop Bell school and the wider Eastbourne Community to ensure Megan returns home safely, and to support her family and friends through this worrying time.

I would like to appeal to anyone who knows Megan and has not spoken to us to please get in touch. Her family are incredibly worried and want her to come home. Your call will be dealt with in the utmost confidence. Dial 101 quoting serial 679 of 21/9."

23rd September 2012



Premier Marinas has issued the following advanced warning of essential maintenance work.

North Bridge

Every effort will be made to limit the inconvenience to pedestrians during the maintenance work on the North Bridge, it will be more of an inconvenience to our Berth Holders as it will not be possible to lift the bridge on request. Notices will be displayed around the Marina closer to the start date detailing more accurate timings, below are details of the planned work.

The Maintenance Department's program for the North Bridge is to carry out some work on two rams on 30th October 2012 for 1 day only, this will involve the bridge remaining in the lowered position for most of the day allowing pedestrian access. We are only expecting the bridge to be raised for an extended period (approx 1 hour) during the morning to lower two rams under one side and then later in the afternoon to allow two rams to be removed.
Further work will be carried out to the North Bridge rams from 12th November 2012 for approximately 12 days, again this will involve the bridge being raised during the morning of Monday 12thNovember for approx 1 hour to lower two rams into position. Once in position the bridge will be lowered to allow pedestrian access whilst the rams are connected.

Lock Gates

We are planning to undertake our annual lock maintenance from 6th November 2012 for 4 weeks, this year the lock closest the Marina Office will be drained of water to allow work to be carried out to the lock gate seals and pins.
No pedestrian access will be permitted over the locks on Tuesday 6th November for approximately 12 hours from 0730hrs to allow safe crane operations.

With both projects overlapping we will ensure pedestrian access will not be restricted over the bridge or locks simultaneously. Signage will be provided to direct pedestrians via the alternative routes during these works.

I hope this has explained the planned maintenance works sufficiently but should you require further information please do not hesitate to let Janet or myself know.

Kind regards,

Dave Needham
Assistant Marina Manager
Sovereign Harbour
Premier Marinas Limited
tel: 01323 470099
fax: 01323 470077

19th September 2012



In the introduction to the "little Book of Big Scams", Esther Rantzen says: *"One of the mysteries of the con-man is why he bothers (I say he, but of course there are plenty of con-women who are just as unscrupulous). He is often energetic, imaginative and ambitious, so why doesn't he build up a decent, respectable business instead of robbing hard-working people? I suppose it's because con-men (and I've met many over my years in consumer protection) all regard the people they deceive simply as walking wallets, to be ruthlessly squeezed, emptied, and then thrown away.*

So the con-men will shamelessly lie to us, try to tempt us with "something for nothing", "too good to be true" offers – like the "show house" discount for double glazing or central heating, or the "million pound lottery" he pretends you have won and so on. And he gambles on the fact that when we discover that we've fallen for his blatant swindle, we will be too ashamed to report him to the police or the Trading Standards officers."

Download the Little Book of Big Scams to help protect you from unscrupulous con men.

18th September 2012

PCSO Simon French from Sussex Police and Elizabeth Bowring from Trading Standards will be in Pevensey Bay library on Thursday 20th September from 10:00 to 12:30.

Simon and Elizabeth will be promoting the "Buy With Confidence" scheme and making members of public aware of current scams. All are welcome.

Click here to visit the Buy With Confidence website.

18th September 2012



Voices is a community choir with a difference. Modelled on the Choir That Rocks and Military Wives choir, this is a rocking, swinging, choir for all.

Thursday nights see the choir meeting at The Pevensey Bay Baptist Church 7:00 to 9:00pm. And, the newest choir will meet on Wednesday nights at The Albany Lions Hotel, Grand Parade, Eastbourne, **starting on 3rd October**, so Sovereign Harbour residents have the choice of two choirs, in either direction!

There are no auditions, no experience necessary, and no need to read music. . this is a real FUN gathering. There are concerts in the summer and at Christmas, with profits going to charities nominated by the choir members. Each session is just £5.

Voices Pevensey Bay started in July 2012 and now has a membership of over 90 singers. Ages range from early 20s to their most senior, 86 year old! The choir has both male and female members. . .but could do with a few more guys, as they are outnumbered!

The choir will perform their first concert at Stone Cross Memorial Hall on 16th December at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £5/ £2.50 for children. All profits will go to local charities.

The choir director is Diana Terry, a singer and actress with West End and touring theatre experience, plus numerous film, TV and radio appearances.

For more information, or to book concert tickets, call 01323-766994 or email Diana

17th September 2012



Eastbourne's MP, Stephen Lloyd is planning to jump out of an aircraft at 10,000 feet. . . . . with a parachute.

Stephen, who is also a member of Eastbourne AM Rotary, will be making a parachute jump on the 1st of October, to raise money for two worthy local Rotary causes; Eastbourne Refuge, and a fund to buy Xmas

presents for families who are facing a tough time this Christmas.

If you are able to make a contribution to his heroic (some might say foolhardy) enterprise, he will be enormously grateful.

Click here to donate through the JustGiving website.

16th September 2012



A large group of residents from Sovereign Harbour and Langney Point met yesterday at the Waste Water Treatment Works to walk the extra mile for the Save the DGH campaign.

The group marched down the promenade to the Redoubt where they joined thousands more local people for the march to the Western Lawns for a rally.

All of the speakers urged those present to complete a standard letter to the Secretary of State for Health and post it to him to demonstrate their resolve to protect local health services.

If you care about the future of health services in Eastbourne, please click here to download a copy of the letter. Please complete a copy for each member of you household and post them in an envelope, with a second class stamp, to the address shown.



13th September 2012

The team behind the winning Sovereign Harbour carnival float was videoed throughout the construction stage and in the parade.

The edited video is now available for viewing

Click here

12th September 2012

When Casper the cat went missing, and his owners, Rob and Zoe, couldn't find him, they posted notices locally, asking residents to keep an eye open



for him and check their garages and sheds. When, after eight days, he hadn't been found, they were beginning to fear the worst.

However, yesterday morning, somebody walking past Martello Tower 66, heard a plaintive cry, and looked up to see Casper at the top of the tower. He phoned Zoe, who was about to get on a train for work. She came back and, having located the key-holder, rescued Casper who, apart from being a little dehydrated, was in good shape.

Rob and Zoe would like to mention the lovely community spirit they experienced whilst Casper was missing, and thank everyone who helped look for him.

11th September 2012

A team of volunteers from ASDA, led by "Community Colleague", Theresa Parkinson, spent this morning picking up litter from the verge of Pevensey Bay Road adjacent to the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.



Fifteen bags of rubbish were collected, plus one shopping trolley full of larger items (child's bath, paddling pool etc).

11th September 2012



Water Feature - Councillors wade in! Sovereign Ward's three Borough councillors and its County councillor have jointly written to Persimmon Homes and their solicitors Clarke Willmott to add their voices to the concerns that local residents have raised about the proposed hand over of the South Harbour water feature, and its long term viability.

The councillors ask Persimmon to hold in abeyance attempts to have residents sign new Deeds of Covenant until an independent survey of the water feature has taken place.

Click here to read the full text...

Background here...

11th September 2012



A delay in Sospan Dau's work at Selsey means she suddenly has the opportunity to deliver a few loads of this year's beach recharge to Sovereign Harbour – starting on the 07:50 high water today. She was not expected to put in an appearance until October.

It is likely that she will only be available until Friday, but will return later to deliver the usual amount of sea dredged aggregate as usual for this time of year.

With the weather now as good as it has been at almost any time in the summer, recycling is not expected to start until the end of September. However the arrival of wet and windy conditions could soon change that.

6th September 2012



Are you looking for a football club for your under 12 boy? A small, friendly club at Stone Cross is in urgent need of new members who can turn out on a regular basis.

The newly formed club will provide free skills coaching and the opportunity to play team football.

For more details, or to register an interest, please call Cavan on 07927-380438.

5th September 2012

The South and West Harbour Bridges will be closed to pedestrians on Monday 10th September 2012 from 09.00 for 24.00 to allow painting of the decks (subject to weather).

Notices have been displayed advising pedestrians of the closure.

Premier Marinas apologise for the inconvenience this essential work may cause.

4th September 2012



Did you receive this invitation in the post today? If so, did you call the 0800 number?

Despite all assurances from East Sussex County Council that the harbour will be connected to the infinity network, four calls to different BT departments all confirm that the service is not available, and there is no projected date for availability.

Several attempts to speak to somebody at a senior level have all failed.

If you feel that we are being poorly treated by BT, please write to:

Warren Buckley,
Managing Director,
Customer Services,
BT Correspondence Centre,
Providence Row,
Durham, DH98 1BT.

31st August 2012

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its August 2012 Newsletter.

In this issue:

- Airbourne
- Eastbourne Neighbourhood Panels
- Youth behaviour improvement scheme
- More. . . .

Click here to download the newsletter.

30th August 2012



Premier Marinas has today issued a further press release concerning the incident that occurred at the Sovereign Harbour sea-locks on 4th August.

"At 00:27 hours on 4 August 2012 the outer lock gate of the west lock at Sovereign Harbour Marina was opened during a routine procedure to "top up" the water levels within the marina basin. The gate was partially open for 2 minutes 30 seconds. This created a tidal flow on six vessels moored on a single pontoon adjacent to the lock, resulting in this pontoon breaking into three sections.

Six boats, in a marina occupied by 727 boats, were affected by the incident. None of these boats suffered any serious damage, no persons were injured and at no time was the harbour at risk of flooding. The lock management system has a number of safety features designed to manage the risk presented by unwanted flooding of the marina basin and the outer lock gates will close automatically when the water level within the marina basin reaches a pre-determined level.

An investigation into the incident, led by the Harbour Master, has been concluded. The results of the investigation are being reviewed by The Harbour Board which has responsibility under the Port Marine Safety Code for the safe operation of the marina.

Findings of the investigation will be shared with relevant stakeholders through the Sovereign Harbour Users and Stakeholders Group which next meets on 2nd October 2012. Berth holders, residents, The RNLI, The Environment Agency, The Police and The Fire Service are represented on this group."

29th August 2012



As many residents will know, the huge water feature on the South Harbour has never worked properly, and has been poorly maintained. Less well known is the fact that 369 local property owners on the Columbus Point development have a commitment in their deeds to pay a management company for the upkeep and maintenance of the feature. However, such have been the problems with the feature that several years ago one managing agent threw in the towel and returned monies it had collected.

During the past year a Water Feature Action Group has been pressing the developers Persimmon to bring the feature back up to scratch before it again becomes the responsibility of local residents, and to allow a full viability survey of it to be carried out before any handover.

Despite the water feature still not functioning properly and looking in a very sad state, property owners in the Columbus Point development have now received letters from solicitors Clarke Willmott informing them that:

- Persimmon/Aria Homes have transferred responsibility for the water feature to CPMCL (Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited), and have appointed Fell Reynolds as managing agents.
- Property owners need to sign the new Deed of Covenant by 28 September 2012 or pay £600+ arrears of service charges.
- Property owners are offered £300 towards legal advice providing it is obtained from one of three selected local solicitors.

The Water Feature Action Group are considering their response to the letters and are working with other local groups, including the Columbus Point Residents Association, to investigate the possibility of obtaining some pooled legal advice.

Click here for further information.

23rd August 2012

Do you want Eastbourne DGH to become a cottage hospital?

The NHS is running a public consultation, which ends on 28th September 2012, asking for views on the single siting of Orthopaedics, General Surgery and Stroke services. If these services go, it is inevitable that others, such as Maternity and Paediatrics, will soon follow.

On 15th September, the **"Save the DGH"** campaign will be holding a march along the seafront, ending with a rally at the Wish Tower. Currently, the plan is to meet at the Redoubt at 10am, with the rally starting at 11am. but details are still to be finalised.

It has also been suggested that groups of people, starting at a variety of locations, and joining up on the seafront would add impact. **One suggested starting point is Sovereign Harbour,** probably assembling at Langney Point and marching down the promenade to join up with other protesters.

If you would like to be a member of the Sovereign Harbour group, please e-mail info@shra.co.uk with **"DGH - count me in"** in the title.

Please keep the date free and keep looking at the websites below for updates. Please tell all your family, friends and neighbours. Thousands of people marching will send a message to the local NHS which says that we, the public, do not agree with their proposals. This will also give the "Save the DGH" campaign the mandate to fight these proposals on our behalf. Please help them save these services at the DGH.

To keep up with the latest news, return to this page or visit: the "Save the DGH" website.

22nd August 2012



Eastbourne Police District Commander, Jayne Dando, has issued the following message:

"I am sure that most partners and colleagues will be aware from local and National press of the sad death of Mr Chris Poole last week. You may also be aware that two men have now been charged with murder and are appeared at Lewes Crown Court this morning (Tuesday)

As I said in my initial message to you all, the shock and impact of this dreadful crime has been felt across the Town. I want to reassure you that we are working hard with all our partners to make sure that we are present in those effected communities.

Starting this morning and running until Friday between 10 and midday we will be present with colleagues and friends at the Frenchgate Centre, on the corner

of Frenchgate Rd and Lottbridge Road, to offer support, and talk to anyone who has concerns, or just wants to come together with others in their community, particularly those in the Hydneye area. Refreshments will be available, and we are grateful to our Chaplain Mike Alcock and his congregation for offering this facility to us.

There has been much press coverage on this incident understandably, and I have been very clear in my messages, that this is a terrible and tragic incident. It is however thankfully rare in the Town. I do appreciate that the reported circumstances will have had a negative impact upon some in our community who were already fearful of crime, and in particular groups of young people especially after dark. Myself and partners within the Town will continue to work together to make Eastbourne a safe place for all."

16th August 2012

The Save the DGH campaign team will be at the Arndale Centre, Eastbourne, from 12-3pm on Sunday 19th August explaining the current local NHS proposals to single-site General Surgery, Stroke, Trauma and Orthopaedics with Maternity and Paediatrics later in the year.

The team will also have some consultation questionnaires for people who would like to complete them.

Come and see them, just outside Starbucks/Top Man

Click here to visit the "Save the DGH" website.

16th August 2012

The campaign led by Stephen Lloyd MP to secure quicker trains between Eastbourne and London, with at least one fast train an hour to the capital, taking no longer than 72 minutes, is gathering pace, with lobbyists working on possible changes to put to central Government.

There is currently a stakeholder consultation taking place, due to close on Thursday 23rd August, which is all part of the process to decide who will be the next train operator for the Eastbourne train service. The service is currently run by Southern, with the new operator due to take over in 2015. If we act now, and are successful in persuading the Department for Transport that Eastbourne deserves a faster and better service to the capital may well become a reality.

However, to do this, the campaign needs our help! The more submissions to the consultation by people like us, sharing our feelings about why Eastbourne needs a faster train service to London, the more likely it is, we will get a faster service.

In order to make a submission to the consultation please email or write to the Department of Transport saying why you feel Eastbourne deserves, and would benefit from, a faster service to the capital. The reasons for campaigning are listed below; you may wish to reiterate or build on these reasons in your own letter/email to the DfT.

A faster service will:

- Improve the quality of life for those who currently commute daily to the capital.
- Stop others who commute to London moving away from the town.
- Boost spending power in the local economy and jobs on offer by increasing visitor numbers and attracting people working in London to settle in Eastbourne.

Offer a better service to Eastbourne residents, which is the fastest growing town in East Sussex, and one of the fastest growing in the South East.
- Attract greater inward investment.

E-mail the Department for Transport

Click here to download an example letter (in Word format)

Click here, and here, for more information

9th August 2012




An area of land at the end of the North Harbour (known as site eight) has been temporarily fenced off.

This will be used for the safe storage of the pontoons damaged in the "lock gate incident" on Saturday morning. It is expected that they will remain there for about six to eight weeks.

7th August 2012



Sussex Police have warned residents of an increase in "distraction burglaries"

A distraction burglary is when someone calls at your door, pretending to be an official from an organisation such as a utility company, the 'water board', council, or in some audacious cases, the police. They trick their way in and distract you while they rifle through your house to steal money or goods.

This film shows a reconstruction of a typical distraction burglary and the effect it has on the victim and her family, including her granddaughter.

Elderly and vulnerable people are the main target of these callous and cowardly criminals and the new campaign aims to raise awareness among older people, their families and carers, of how distraction burglars operate and what to do when confronted with an unexpected caller at their door.

The message is simple – Not sure? Don't open the door! You do not have to let anyone in your house who you are not sure about, even if they claim to be on official business, it doesn't mean that they are.

Click here to download a handy door hanger.

6th August 2012

Following an incident at the marina sea locks early on Saturday morning, Premier Marinas has issued the following statement.



“Sovereign Harbour - Incident Statement - 4th August 2012

At around midnight on 3rd August, immediately following a routine ‘top up’ of the Inner Harbour basin, one of the seaward lock gates opened whilst the Inner Harbour gates were open.

The lock gate opened approximately eight feet, with a three foot head of water entering the Harbour. The tidal load on the vessels and pontoons resulted in a pontoon breaking into three sections. These have now either been secured or removed.

Harbour personnel were on site and responded immediately. Power and water supplies were isolated and a count of crew on board vessels was carried out. No persons were injured. There was some superficial damage to a small number of visiting vessels.

The lock gates are in working order and we are currently carrying out a full investigation into the incident.”

5th August 2012



The number given in Waterlines to report abandoned trolleys (Trolleywise) is, unfortunately wrong. The correct number is 07930-662042 or 01633-892362.

Alternatively, the EBC website provides an alternative trolley collection service number, 01392-882210, or Asda on 01323-470014.

Please be sure to mention Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne and give the exact location of the trolley.

2nd August 2012



Work to repair and repaint the balconies and railings of developments at Columbus Point in the South Harbour including San Juan Court and Dominica Court are scheduled to start on 13 August. The work is being carried out in a rolling programme that will not be completed until early May 2013.

Two sets of work are being carried out. The major work is for NHBC and entails remedial treatment to both embedded and visible steel sections of the balconies on some of the apartment blocks. This balcony work will require extensive scaffolding, so Hazelvine, the managing agents, will be utilising the scaffolding to carry out their work on the repainting of the balcony railings. They will also be repainting the terrace/garden railings.

The NHBC work on the balconies will entail removing balcony railings, floors and ceilings to access the usually hidden steel structure so that it can be grit-blasted and then treated with a protective coating. During the work residents will lose access to their balconies for about three months.

The contractors will be using an area of Site 1 close to the Langney Point roundabouts for site offices and to store equipment and materials.

27th July 2012

The campaign to protect core services at the Eastbourne DGH is gearing up, and the most senior doctors at the hospital say they do not have confidence in the proposed clinical strategy.

Join us tomorrow - Saturday, July 28, at the Congress Suite

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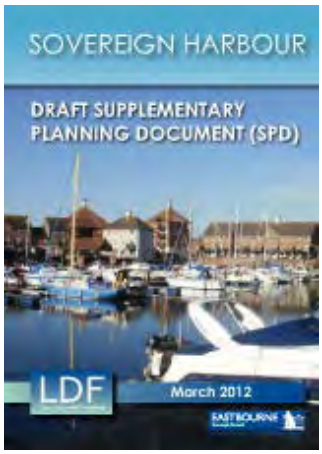


If you have recently received a bill from Southern Water (SW), you might want to check the item "Surface Water Drainage".

Although SW has acknowledged that no property with a post code starting with "BN23 5" should be charged, frequent "clerical errors" seem to result in this charge being wrongly applied, especially to new occupants.

If you have been wrongly charged for this service, you should contact SW Customer Services to request a refund. Past experience shows that the agent will probably try to convince you that the charge is valid; stick to your guns and, if necessary, demand to speak to the Customer Services Manager.

23rd July 2012



Consultation on the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood SPD closes at 5pm tomorrow, 24th July. Please take the time to make your views known and, before doing so, please read the item below concerning the local fishing fleet.

Click here to download the SPD and all of the documents and displays used at the Yacht Club consultation event.

Click here to visit the online consultation portal.

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Click here to visit the online consultation portal.

23rd July 2012



Sovereign Harbour's resident fishermen are seeking the help of harbour residents in their campaign to continue operating from the area behind the Harvester, known as Site 3.

The fishermen have been operating for several years on a rolling three month contract, which the land owner is, they believe, seeking to terminate, leaving them homeless. They would like to develop the site in a similar way to what has been done in Hastings, making it part of the Sovereign Harbour tourism offering.

Click here to visit the campaign website and complete the short questionnaire.

22nd July 2012

A "Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone" has been proposed as the result of the "Balanced Seas" project.

Balanced Seas was a project working in partnership with all those with an interest in the marine environment to identify and recommend Marine Conservation Zones for the inshore and off-shore waters of south-east England.

Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ) will be set up under the Marine and Coastal Access Act of 2009, and are a new type of Marine Protected Area.

Marine Conservation Zones will protect nationally important marine wildlife, habitats, geology and geomorphology.

If you would like more information, or feel you might like to get involved with the Balanced Seas project, click here for more information.

Click here to view the MCZ Project Interactive map.

19th July 2012



On the last day of the summer term, the pupils of the Haven School assembled in the school hall for to say farewell to the members of "Diamond" Class", who will be moving to their secondary schools after the holiday.

After a service of thanks,



conducted by the Revd John Brooks, prizes were awarded to students who had excelled in a number of areas.

SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, presented the Community Award, which the association donated to the school in 2010.

19th July 2012



We were sorry to hear that Sam Sweiry, founder of the Sovereign Harbour Community Market was taken to hospital following an accident at home on Tuesday.

As a result, Sam has informed us that the Community Market will be suspended for three weeks.

We're please to say that Sam, although bruised an sore, is recovering well, but is being kept in for observation, just to be safe.

We wish Sam a speedy recovery.

17th July 2012



The disturbing increase in graffiti around the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood, especially on the North Harbour continues. This is particularly unattractive and anti-social, and would appear to be the work of one person.

If you are aware of the identity of the culprit, please report this to the Police on their non-emergency help-line, 101.

Vandalism is a criminal act so, if you observe the culprit in the act, call the Police emergency number, 999

16th July 2012



Eastbourne welcomes the Olympic Torch Relay on Tuesday 17 July from 3.18pm. Starting at Kings Drive, the route for the eighteen torch bearers goes through the town centre and along the seafront to the party at Princes Park.

The last part of the route will see the torch travel along Princes Road, with the wide grass verges either side giving great opportunities for visitors and residents to come along and watch.

Click here for more information.

11th July 2012

The Sovereign Harbour Community Market for



Thursday 12th June, and subsequent Thursdays, will be held in the under-cover area outside Pablo's Restaurant on the Waterfront.

Market organiser, Sam Sweiry, said: "I am very grateful to the Management of Simply Italian for letting us use their annex last week the launch of the Community Market. I also thank the management of Pablo's for allowing us to hold future weekly markets on there premises."

11th July 2012



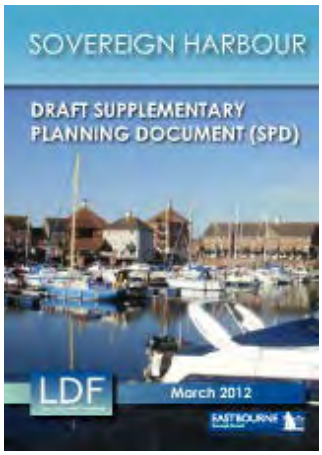
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Click here to visit the "Save the DGH" website,

9th July 2012



Only two weeks left to register your views on the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Supplementary Planning Document (SPD); the consultation ends on 24th July.

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Click here to visit the online consultation portal to comment on both.

9th July 2012



Your old CDs could make money for charity.

Just drop them off at the Sovereign Harbour Community Market, any Thursday from 10:30 to midday, in the annex of Simply Italian on the Waterfront. And, while you're there, you never know, you might find something that takes your fancy.

Click here for more information on the Sovereign Harbour Community Market.

6th July 2012







Yesterday, the Earl and Countess of Wessex visited Sovereign Harbour to attend the service of dedication for Eastbourne's new Tamar Class lifeboat *"RNLB Diamond Jubilee".*

The Waterfront area was crowded with residents and visitors, who enjoyed a beautiful Summer's day.

After the service, Prince Edward officially named *"Diamond Jubilee"*, following which, the Royal couple received a conducted tour of the vessel.

5th July 2012



Hopefully, the recent spate of burglaries in Sovereign Harbour, has been brought to an end. Neighbourhood PC, Ed Faulkner today issued the following statement.

"In recent weeks we have seen an increase in the number of domestic burglaries. This was concerning for all residents and very unusual for the Harbour community. I wrote to some residents about this, and since then I can report a successful development.

Following important information from various sources, we arrested two people for the offences. We are satisfied that these were the people involved, however enquiries continue into these matters. If anyone has any information that they think would be useful please let us know.

It goes without saying that despite this progress it is still vital that everyone continues to be vigilant. With the warmer weather there is the temptation to keep doors and windows open. This is an invitation to thieves, and I would urge everyone to keep their property secure.

I have said before that burglars will use every opportunity, day or night, to commit crime and these recent incidents have proved that. We can not be complacent to the threat, and everyone needs to work together. If you would like advice on how to secure your property we are always on hand.

Despite these latest incidents the Harbour continues to be a safe, and community minded place to live, and all of us on the Neighbourhood Team intend to keep it that way."

5th July 2012

BT is rolling out its fibre optic network "Infinity" across Eastbourne, but guess what? The are no plans to include Sovereign Harbour.

Once again, it seems, nobody seems to have considered that the harbour is part of Eastbourne when putting the plan together.

If you would like a super-fast Broadband connection, click here to visit the BT website, Click on the **"Can I get BT Infinity"** button and, when it tells you you can't, click on the **"Register Interest"** button and enter your details.

The more of us that register an interest, the greater the chance that we will be included.

4th July 2012



There has been enthusiastic response to the plan to start a community market at Sovereign Harbour.

The market, which will be launched on 5th July, will be held every Thursday in the annex of Simply Italian on the Waterfront.

Click here for more information.

2nd July 2012



On Beach Promenade *On Outer Harbour Promenade* *Entrance to RNLI Access Road*

Owners have even less excuse for not cleaning up after their dogs. The Victoria Quay Management Company, which manages the Macquarie Quay development has funded the installation of three additional dog bins on the surrounding promenades.

The new bins are located on the beach promenade, the outer harbour promenade and by the rising bollard at the entrance to the RNLI Access road.

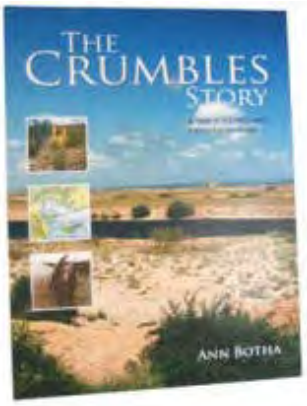
This brings the total of dog and dual purpose litter bins in the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood to 26.

1st July 2012



Eleven new signage boards, have been installed all along the seafront from Holywell to Sovereign Harbour. Board number eleven can be seen on the land overlooking the outer harbour, adjacent to the locks, close to the SHRA's sea-bird interpretation board.

The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA - Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?



We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

If you are interested in the history of the land on which Sovereign Harbour is built, the industry and events that took place on it, and its unique flora and fauna, this little book is for you, and at just £7.99, it won't break the bank. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.

To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to crumbles@shra.co.uk simply saying you would like a copy of the book and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link which will take you through the online paying process (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

Or send a cheque for £7.99, payable to SHRA, with your name and address to:

The Crumbles Story
SHRA
PO Box 124
Eastbourne
East Sussex BN24 9AW

The price includes delivery - we will pop your book through your letter box, or post it to you if outside the area.

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If you have a local news story or issue please e-mail the SHRA webmaster

29th December 2012

Users of Pacific Drive, North Harbour, should take care when passing the traffic island between Tasmania Way and Barrier Reef Way.



The carriageway is slowly subsiding and some blocks are missing. These could easily be hidden by standing water, and it seems likely that traffic movement could make it worse.

The problem has been reported to Highways and the Police.

News feed from... Eastbourne Herald

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23rd December 2012



21st December 2012

South Harbour resident, Tony Smith, has posted this dramatic footage on YouTube of last Friday's Storm at Sovereign Harbour.



21st-December 2012



As you may have guessed (or seen) PDCL has been a little busy since last Friday. Although it has not been possible to return the beach to its pre-storm condition, regular maintenance work has finished, so there should be a degree of peace and quiet over the Christmas holidays.

Of course if conditions deteriorate significantly work will restart as soon as is necessary. Hopefully with only low spring tides to come at the end of the month there won't be a problem. That being the case it is anticipate machines will restart on Monday 7th January.

14th December 2012

At its meeting on 13th December, the East Sussex Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) the members rejected the request of the Save the DGH campaign to refer the Sussex NHS strategy for the consolidation of some core services to Eastbourne and Hastings to the Secretary of State. In so doing, the committee ignored the objections of 37,000 people who signed the Save the DGH petition.

If you were one of the 37,000 people who signed the petition, you might have been outraged by the assertion by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, Darren Grayson, that we were all duped into signing it.

Mr Grayson quite shamefully insinuated that we had all been led to believe that we were signing a petition against the complete closure of the Eastbourne DGH and indicated that the HOSC members should not, therefore, take it into consideration when making their decision..

If you would like him to know that you were perfectly aware of the objective of the petition, and how you feel about this slur, e-mail Mr Grayson.

A webcast of the meeting is available for viewing on East Sussex County Council webcasts.

13th December 2012



Just when we thought we'd slipped into a period of cold weather, and hence reduced sea defence activity, everything changes on a spring tide. Gales are expected for tomorrow's 11:20 high water, with the possibility that they will continue through the weekend.

The most interesting tide is the one tomorrow, when waves are predicted to come from the south east, before veering south west later in the day. Wave

heights are not especially high at between 2 and 2.5m so no flooding is expected.

Erosion to the front of beach crest is expected, so three bulldozers will be working from tomorrow afternoon. Initially they will be deployed to Normans Bay East, Beachlands and Sovereign Harbour/'White Horses' but will be available to move to wherever they are subsequently needed.

12th December 2012



SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, has written to the members of the Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) urging them to refer the NHS Sussex proposals for the provision of core services in Eastbourne and Hastings to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

The paper petition to the HOSC has now closed but, if you didn't manage to sign it, please sign it online now.

There is still one more day for you to write directly to HOSC members..

View the SHRA letter.

9th December 2012



The adoption of residential roads in Sovereign Harbour has still not been completed.

However, progress has been made and, with a few exceptions, adoption of the majority of roads is anticipated in the first quarter of 2013.

Download the latest information from East Sussex County Council Highways.

7th December 2012



The fight to save the DGH goes on. Next Thursday the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will be meeting in Lewes. This could be the last chance to ensure the proposals to downgrade orthopaedics and general surgery are referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel. This is the same organisation that overturned the Trust's attempt to cut maternity in 2007-8!

Last week DGH consultants sent a strongly worded letter to the Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt highlighting their concerns in great detail. This shows just how strong opposition is amongst local clinicians to these changes.

Thanks to all who have signed the petition; however, it is vital to get as many new signatures added to the petition as possible before the HOSC meets next Thursday. If you haven't yet done so, please sign it online, or in person at:

- The Town Hall
- The Save the DGH shop at the Banker's Corner entrance of the Arndale

Centre.
- Langney Shopping Centre
- Stephen Lloyd's office in Seaside Road
- Bright Ideas at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront
- The Natural Fitness Centre on the seafront by the Redoubt

no later than end of day on 11th December.

You can help persuade the HOSC to refer the decision to the Secretary of State and the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP), by writing directly to HOSC members.

Next week the campaign will be taking the petition to the HOSC meeting in Lewes. The cross party "SavetheDGH" team is currently organising coaches to take people from Eastbourne to Lewes, to show the HOSC Councillors the depth and strength of feeling in Eastbourne. ***It would have a strong impact if we could turn up with a large number of people***, if you can spare the time, please reserve a spot on the coach.

For more information, visit the "Save the DGH" website.

5th December 2012



The failure to include Sovereign Harbour in the Infinity roll-out continues to cause frustration for harbour residents and businesses and, when you read this, it would seem we might have to wait a long time for BT to act.

It has been suggested that an action group should be formed to raise awareness and apply pressure to get this anomaly resolved. Please e-mail if you would like to get involved in setting up or participating such a group.

Whether or not you would like to get involved, please register an interest in getting superfast broadband for Sussex.

29th November 2012



The Planning Inspector's report on the Examination in Public of Eastbourne Borough Council's (EBC) Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy has been published and can be viewed on the EBC website.

The inspector concluded that the plan is sound, but rejected the submission by Town Centre developer, Legal and General, supported by EBC, that the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park and Waterfront should be downgraded from a "District Shopping Centre" (DSC) to an "Out of Town Shopping Centre.

The report acknowledges the strong support of residents for the retention of DSC status and the importance of a DSC in supporting a sustainable community in the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood.

29th November 2012



The Save the DGH campaign's petition to the East Sussex Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) can be downloaded from this website or signed at:

- The Town Hall

- The Save the DGH shop at the Banker's Corner entrance of the Arndale Centre
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Please note, the return date for completed petition forms is 11th December, not 12th December as previously stated.

If you can't get to sign a paper copy, the campaign has been boosted by the addition of a **government e-petition.**

Click here for a summary of the aims of the campaign and details of the grounds on which the fight can be continued.

The next stage of the fight is to persuade the (HOSC) to refer the decision to the Secretary of State and the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP), supporters are urged to write directly to HOSC members.

26th November 2012



NHS Sussex has now taken the outrageous decision to "single site" stroke services at Eastbourne DGH, and general surgery and orthopaedic services at the Conquest Hospital in Hastings. This means both hospitals will lose some of the core services local people rely on, and should be entitled to. The "Save the DGH" campaign team says this is a potential disaster for Eastbourne.

The likely knock-on effects for the DGH could include a future downgrading of more services, including A&E, maternity and paediatrics. We only have a few days left to make a difference – your help is vital.

A petition will be presented to The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) on 13th December – thousands of signatures are need by then!' Signing the petition yourself is very important, but there is more you can do. Download the petition form, and ask your friends, neighbours, family – in fact anyone who cares about our DGH to sign.

You can also sign the petition at Bright Ideas on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront, or at the "Save the DGH" campaign shop at the Bankers Corner entrance to the Eastbourne Arndale Centre. If you can you help man the shop for an hour or two, your help would be greatly appreciated, please contact the campaign team via the website.

It is essential that all completed forms are returned by close of play on 12th December to ensure the petition presented to the HOSC contains the maximum possible number of signatures. Forms can be returned to:

- The address at the bottom of the petition form.
- The "Save the DGH" shop in the Arndale Centre.
- Bright Ideas at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.

Time is running out to save core services at our hospital – we must do all we can to protect local people.

For more information, visit The Save the DGH website.

24th November 2012

in the run-up to Christmas, Bright Ideas at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront has some very tempting offers on leather gloves, evening shoes, boots and



their exclusive Sovereign Harbour Christmas cards.

There is also a £10 discount on offer if you spend £50, up to the end of November.

Click here for full details of the Bright Ideas offers.

21st November 2012



The BBC Watchdog water feature item (see below) was rescheduled and shown on this morning's (Wednesday 21st) episode of Watchdog Daily instead of Friday as originally expected.

If you missed it, it should be available on BBC iPlayer by Friday 23rd November. Click here... and look for Episode 8 – it will have the pink "Watch now" iPlayer logo when available.

21st November 2012

Upgrades to the Eastbourne Pevensey Marina telephone exchange have now been completed. BT says the service should now be "improved and more consistent", and ***maybe*** a speed increase.

Please let us know if you notice an improvement to your service, especially in your line speed.

21st November 2012



The Water Feature Action Group has been told that an item on the Columbus Point Water Feature will be broadcast on the **BBC Watchdog Daily programme**, which starts at **11am this Friday, 23 November.**

Publication of the water feature survey report has been delayed slightly, but group representatives expect to meet with EBC next week to receive a précis of its findings and start initial discussions.

It is understand that the property management company Fell Reynolds, which currently manages the feature for CPMCL, last week undertook its own survey of the feature.

Click here to visit the Water Feature Action Group website.

Click here to visit the Watchdog Daily website

20th November 2012

On Friday, the board of East Sussex Healthcare Trust (ESHT) met in Bexhill and confirmed its intention to move general surgery and orthopaedics to Hastings and keep stroke care at Eastbourne.

When the Trust tried to do something similar with maternity services five years ago, the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) - the independent expert on NHS service change which advises the Secretary of State for Health, ruled the proposal would actually reduce accessibility compared with the existing service provision, which led to these plans being shelved.

When DGH consultants were surveyed recently on the current plans, over 99% of respondents disagreed with the entire proposals in their current form, and

there is also considerable public opposition. The cross party 'Save the DGH' team will continue to do all that it can to fight these proposals.

NHS Sussex, which is responsible for commissioning services across Sussex, will meet this coming Friday to discuss the proposals put forward by ESHT, and it is widely expected they will be agreed without opposition.

Following the NHS Sussex meeting, the 'Save the DGH' campaign will be hosting a **public meeting, on Friday 23rd November, from 6pm, at Eastbourne Town Hall**, at which the public will be giving a full update on the proposals and what is being done to contest the Trust's plans.

The future of our local health service is under threat. It is very important that you go along on Friday with as many of your friends, relatives, neighbours and colleagues from the local area as possible.

19th November 2012

The SHRA is trying to establish a pattern of broadband line speeds around Sovereign Harbour by location and ISP. Initial results seem to confirm the belief that these are well below acceptable levels and certainly inadequate to support on-demand TV services. It also seems that some ISPs provide a much better service that others, so it would be good to identify and support them.

Please take a minute whenever you have the time to check your line-speed on the GoSussex website. Then email the results including date, time, postcode and your service provider. It would be particularly helpful if you could test two or three times a day on a regular basis.

It would also be helpful if you could test before and after the planned upgrade to the Eastbourne Pevensey Marina exchange that is scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday 20th November. (See 17th November below)

Whilst on the GoSussex website please register an interest in receiving a superfast broadband service, as already available in most of Eastbourne. If you have already done so, please encourage your friends and neighbours to do so too.

17th November 2012



The high tides of last week fortunately passed without incident, and beach recycling work has been completed.

The machines have been moved to Langney Point and work has started on bypassing shingle around the harbour to the North Harbour beach. This should be completed by the end of the week.

17th November 2012



BT has announced that it is upgrading the Eastbourne Pevensey Marina exchange on 20th November. A stronger, more reliable service is promised, but there is, unfortunately, no guarantee that the service, currently operating at just above 2mbps, will be any faster.

Subscribers are warned that their telephone and broadband services will be interrupted for up to ten minutes at about 6pm. The service will need up to ten days to settle down, during which period further interruptions to the service are possible.

Unfortunately, there is still no promise that the superfast Infinity service will be provided in the immediate future. However, East Sussex County Council has belatedly initiated a campaign to bring the service to East Sussex and has launched a website, www.goesussex.co.uk on which residents are encouraged to

register an interest. Registration doesn't commit you to taking the service, so please take a few minutes to support the campaign.

12th November 2012



After months of sitting on its hands and insisting that we will be getting a fast broadband service, East Sussex County Council has, belatedly, started a campaign to bring a fast broadband service to East Sussex.

Businesses and individuals are invited to register an interest online by visiting the "Go East Sussex" website.

Despite recent upgrades to the Eastbourne Pevensey Marina exchange that services the harbour, which promise an "up to 20MB" service, the download speed this afternoon was just 2.49MB, which means that downloading a move would take almost an hour.

Had the harbour not been forgotten, as usual, when the BT Infinity service was rolled out over Eastbourne, this wouldn't be necessary, but please take a minute to complete the simple form and help us take another small step towards getting the same service as the rest of Eastbourne.

12th November 2012



As the days have gone by the forecast for this week has gradually improved. There is now no sign of any wave activity in the next five days, so hopefully these last high tides will be trouble free.

Machines will be at Beachlands today and then Normans Bay East, before moving down towards Cooden. It is expected that the trucks to leave by the end of the week.

10th November 2012

Haven School fireworks tonight.



5th November 2012

Annual lock maintenance will start on 6th November for four weeks. This year the lock closest the Marina Office will be drained of water to allow work to be carried out to the lock gate seals and pins. No pedestrian access will be permitted over the locks on Tuesday 6th November for approximately 12 hours from 07:30hrs to allow safe crane operations.



Further work will be carried out to the North Bridge rams from 12th November for approximately 12 days, this will involve the bridge being raised during the morning of Monday 12th November for approx 1 hour to lower two rams into position. Once in position the bridge will be lowered to allow pedestrian access whilst the rams are connected.

With both projects overlapping pedestrian access will not be restricted over the bridge or locks simultaneously. Signage will be provided to direct pedestrians via the alternative routes during these works.

3rd November 2012



If you're looking for Christmas cards with a local theme, Bright Ideas at the Waterfront could have what you're looking for. We've been told that all of the cards have the approval of Lucky the Waterfront cat, who is featured in one of them.

Click here to view the cards.

For further information call the Bright Idea store on 01323-471080,
or e-mail Bright Ideas.

1st November 2012



The weather for the rest of the week and into Monday doesn't look too good. There are currently two bulldozers working on the Sovereign Harbour beach, and they will continue until Friday. On Monday they will be joined by dump trucks which will spend next week moving shingle in preparation for the next 8.0mCD tide on 15th November. Initially this will be between Pevensey Bay Sailing Club and Sovereign Harbour, and they will gradually work west to east during the week.

At this stage we have no knowledge of what weather conditions may accompany the November spring tides, but history suggests that the remnants of hurricanes hitting the east coast of North America end up crossing the Atlantic about ten days later. By then they are far less powerful, and tend to track to the north of Scotland, but can still impact on weather we experience on the south coast. Either way the trucks will be kept busy up until the 15th November tide so if we do see repeated erosion, repairs can be effected very quickly.

Although still not planned it is likely that road lorries will transfer shingle from Langney round Sovereign Harbour and on to the north beach at some point in the next few weeks.

23rd October 2012



An independent survey of the huge water feature in the South Harbour commences this week. The survey, commissioned by Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) and partly supported by the local councillor's devolved funds, is expected to be completed by the end of the month, with a report being presented to EBC by mid-November.

The purpose of the survey is to identify any inherent faults with the feature and any works required to maintain the feature. The report is expected to contain a description of the present state of the water feature and surrounding infrastructure, to include a survey of electrical system(s) including the footpath lights; the plumbing system including pumps and associated machinery; the structure and its ability to hold the water; and the metering apparatus and that it is working correctly. The survey will also make suggestions for rectifying any identified problems and the likely costs.

The company appointed to carry out the survey is Corrosion Protection Systems Ltd (CPS) www.corrosionprotectionsystems.co.uk who are currently contracted to carry out the maintenance of the feature. We do have some reservations about the survey being done by the company responsible for current maintenance, but, on the other hand, they are probably the best equipped to be able to come up with a positive way forward.

A residents' observer has been include on the survey team, who will be allowed to visit all parts of the site, including the underground pump rooms. We are fortunate in having an enthusiastic local resident with engineering experience who we have nominated as our observer.

As the developer is planning to hand the feature over to local property owners in the area, the importance of the survey for local residents can't be emphasised enough. See our website for information.

Water Feature Action Group
www.waterfeature.eu

22nd October 2012



Knowvember, is a series of lunchtime learning sessions providing bite-sized chunks of knowledge, served up by local experts to small businesses and freelancers in the Eastbourne area.

Each session, organised by **Cohub** will be held in its Enterprise Centre work space, and will take the form of a short, informal, round-the-table tutorial providing an introduction to a specific topic, tool or technique.

Bring along your sandwiches, or pick up something from one of the nearby eateries – e-mail Cohub for recommendations!

All sessions start promptly at 12:15pm and finish by 1:00pm.

Visit the Cohub website for more information.

21st October 2012

Sovereign Ward Councillors, David Elkin and Patrick Warner, were members of a group of fundraisers who took part in a sponsored abseil down the wall of 1 Grove Road this morning in aid of the"Lark in the Park" Charitable Trust.



Councillor David Elkin



Councillor Patrick Warner

If you would like to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause, please contact David Elkin on 07523-863072 or e-mail David

19th October 2012



High water at 12:50pm on Wednesday represented the worst of conditions for this series of spring tides, with both water levels and wind speed now falling away.

Pevensey Coastal Defences (PCDL) Project Manager, Ian Thomas said: "What was already a high tide on Wednesday had almost 0.3m surge on top, making it one of the three highest water levels I have seen at Pevensey in the last 12 years. We were fortunate that waves were no higher than 2m.

The result is that there has been erosion throughout the 9km frontage, so much so that in several places it is not possible to move machines along the beach. There is a lot of shingle lower down the beach, which will start to return naturally if conditions remain as they are now.

For now we are proposing to widen the crest and reinstate lost access using the bulldozer. Assuming the 7.2m tides at the end of this month are OK we will continue through until the second week in November. With further 8.0mCD tides on November 15 it is probable that the recycling team will return during early November to ensure that all areas are fully restored prior to the next set of high spring tides. All eroded crest will be repaired, but with many areas requiring attention it may be several days before we can visit each one."

Click here to visit the PCDL website.

18th October 2012

Did you attend Sussex Downs College? Or study at one of its predecessor schools or colleges, such as Park College, ECAT, Eastbourne Grammar and High School, Lewes Tertiary College or Eastbourne College of Further Education? If so, Sussex Downs College would love to hear from you!

Sussex Downs has recently launched its own alumni network for former students of the college to join, and the college is interested in getting in contact with its ex-students and finding out what they are doing now.

"SDC Alumni' offers ex-students the chance to keep in touch with the college, find out about news, events and courses, volunteer, receive updates on jobs and apprenticeships, and gain access to exclusive alumni discounts and promotions locally.

The college is also interested in hearing from any ex-students who run businesses which might be able to offer work experience placements or apprenticeships, or who would be interested in promoting their business to other alumni members.

The network is free to join and open to all former students of Sussex Downs College and its predecessor schools and colleges, so get in contact and find out what Sussex Downs can offer you today!

You can sign up online or e-mail SDC Alumni for further information.

15th October 2012



The crew of Eastbourne RNLI welcomed Chris Dowling, Chairman of East Sussex County Council to the all-weather lifeboat station on Sunday

Councillor Dowling and his wife Clare were given a tour of the lifeboat station and taken afloat in the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) on a training exercise. The ALB met up with Eastbourne RNLI's inshore lifeboat and rendezvoused with Newhaven lifeboat off Beachy Head which coincidently had The Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, Peter Field aboard.

On returning to station Councillor Dowling presented The Queens Diamond Jubilee medal to shore based crew-members who had not received their medals in last summers' presentation. During the presentation Councillor praised the work of the RNLI and commended the commitment of the volunteer crew. As the medal ceremony was drawing to a close, the ALB was tasked to assist a local yacht which had become temporarily fouled in fishing gear south of Sovereign Harbour.

14th October 2012

Freeview will be making changes to the channel listings for all Freeview TV's, set top boxes and PVR's on Wednesday the 17th of October.

This will mean that after lunchtime on this date Freeview viewers should check to see if their equipment has already adopted these changes or if they need to retune their product to affect these changes.

The changes taking place are as follows:-

- HD channels will move to channel numbers 101-120
- Marketplace will move from channel number 61 to channel 50
- The Adult section will start at channel number 171 (currently 91)

For further details on this retune visit the TV retune website

Please note these changes are for **Freeview** users only and DO NOT effect Freesat users.

13th October 2012



Both Eastbourne RNLI lifeboats were involved in a dramatic rescue on Friday evening when a car was driven over the cliffs to the east of the Beachy Head lighthouse, with the driver surviving the 400ft fall to the beach below.

Both lifeboats were paged at 6.23pm when reports of the incident were received. Shortly after 6.35pm both lifeboats were fully crewed and under way to the scene. On arrival, conditions were found to be very challenging with a heavy swell running in a flooding tide and it was with some difficulty that a volunteer crewman was put ashore to assess the situation. Initial indications were that the driver of the vehicle had been throw clear of the wreckage and had survived, albeit with evident serious injuries. With this new information the situation was escalated to a full scale rescue, additional crew, including the lifeboat doctor, were transferred ashore to administer first aid and to stabilise the condition of the casualty.

In the rising tide, speed of evacuation from the beach was of the utmost importance and in assessing the situation Coxswain Mark Sawyer immediately requested the assistance of Coastguard rescue helicopter 104. Under the supervision of lifeboat Doctor Stephen Lytton and with the scene being illuminated with flares and searchlights from the all-weather lifeboat the casualty was moved up the beach as the tide advanced until the rescue helicopter arrived on scene. In a skilful joint operation the casualty was transferred to the helicopter along with the lifeboat doctor and taken directly to the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton.

Following the successful operation Mark Sawyer said he was extremely proud of the response and professionalism of his volunteer crew in what were extremely difficult conditions.

8th October 2012



Following a long campaign by residents against anti-social parking, East Sussex County Council Highways Department will be painting double yellow lines in some areas of Macquarie Quay on the morning of Wednesday 10th October.

The work is highly weather dependent and, if the day is wet, the work will have to be rescheduled.

6th October 2012



Voices is a community choir with a difference. Modelled on the Choir That Rocks and Military Wives choir, this is a rocking, swinging, choir for all.

However, the venue has changed since this item was first posted on 18th September. The newest choir will meet on Wednesday evenings in October at The **Mansions Lions** Hotel, Grand Parade, Eastbourne from 7:00 to 9:00pm, moving to the **Albany Lions** Hotel, just down the road, for November.

There are no auditions, no experience necessary, and no need to read music. . this is a real FUN gathering. There are concerts in the summer and at Christmas, with profits going to charities nominated by the choir members. Each session is just £5.

For more information, or to book concert tickets, call 01323-766994 or email Diana

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