

A messsage from the Editor

Welcome to the Spring edition of Waterlines, which aims to keep our membership and Sovereign Harbour Residents updated on what is happening locally

I would never have called myself a "Tree Hugger," however like many of you I was saddened to see the tree line along the A259 decimated by the owners of the static caravan site and many trees and shrubs chopped down on the Aldi construction site on Pacific Drive. Apparently, the trees on site 7A were not worthy of protecting because they were in poor condition….however at least Aldi have plans for replacement shrubs, bushes and new homes for our local lizards and bird boxes.

It has been a very difficult couple of months for our residents especially those who reside on or near to Pacific Drive where the construction works are now in full swing.

Not only have they had to put up with the temporary traffic lights for eight weeks instead of the original four, the vibration and noise from the piling has been endless.

As soon as they were finished, new road works appeared without notification just outside of the North Harbour which has caused chaos. East Sussex County Council issued a four week permit to a construction company to dig a ditch parallel to the construction site…… wait for it, they did not even inform East Sussex Highways, let alone local residents. One of our committee members, David Blackburn, is challenging the contractor, Hutchinsons Environmental Solutions and East Sussex Highways to mitigate the daily chaos.

These individuals and organisations who are meant to be there to provide a first-class service need to be held to account and to a higher standard.

On the first day of the chaos, East Sussex Highways responded because they received over sixty phone calls during the first morning, many from our local residents

Whilst behind the scenes we batter away trying to find out "What's Next" we know that hundreds of residents who opposed this Site 7A development are angry and frustrated.

To the residents that I have spoken to, I have encouraged all to make that call or email to either their local Councillor, East Sussex County Council or the Highways Agency. We will batter on regardless, however…….

Your individual opinion most definitely matters and is very important!

I feel slightly better now.

On a more upbeat note, I hope you enjoy this month's Edition of Waterlines

Editor

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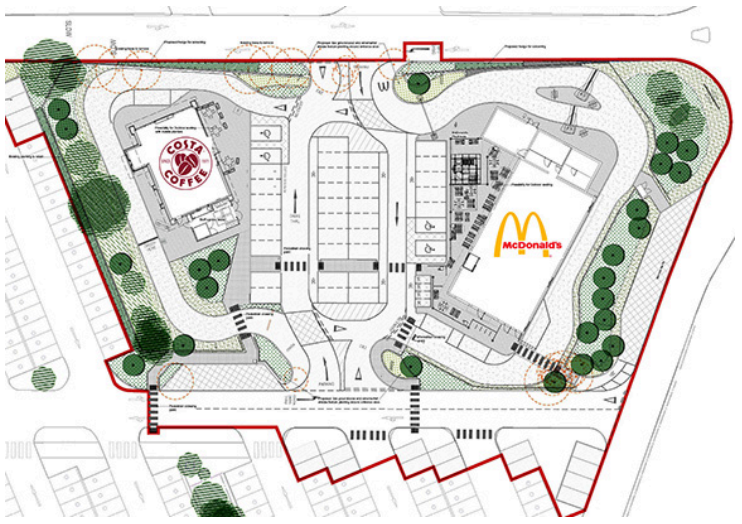
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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Crumbles Retail Park Update



The reason more progress is visually being made on site with the Costa is because the Landlord is responsible for the construction of that unit. The McDonald's unit is a modular construction though and therefore the Landlord is only responsible for the associated ground works and slab foundation. When these elements have been completed, McDonald's will be responsible for the installation of their modular unit which is constructed extremely rapidly on site. We are still waiting for a confirmed opening date for both units.

Disruption on the A259

The road works which appeared without any notice were authorised by East Sussex County Council for Hutchinson Environmental Solutions to dig a trench to provide mains sewage to the static caravan site on the outskirts of Eastbourne which is is substantially expanding their foot print. It has nothing to do with Site 7A Pacific Drive. Their permit expires at the end of April. We can also confirm that Josh's office has been in touch with us to confirm they have been talking and challenging all of the key stakeholders involved with the road disruption. They will continue to monitor the situation.

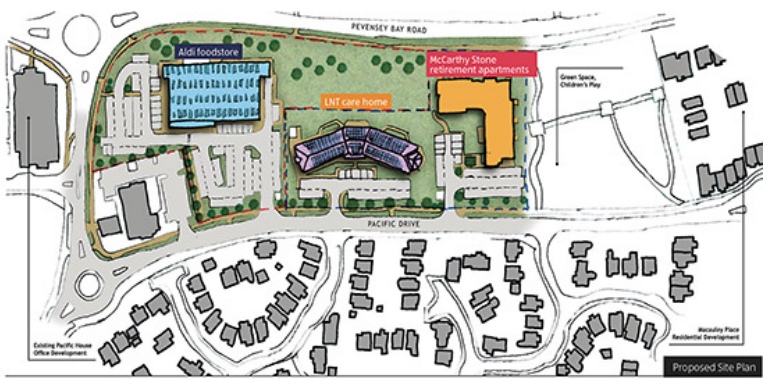
Martello Tower Planning Applications



EBC has published an "Officer Update" that you can read on the SHRA website www.shra.co.uk. 26 March. SHRA has now written to the EBC planners, setting out our thoughts on the revised plans.

Site 7A Pacific Drive

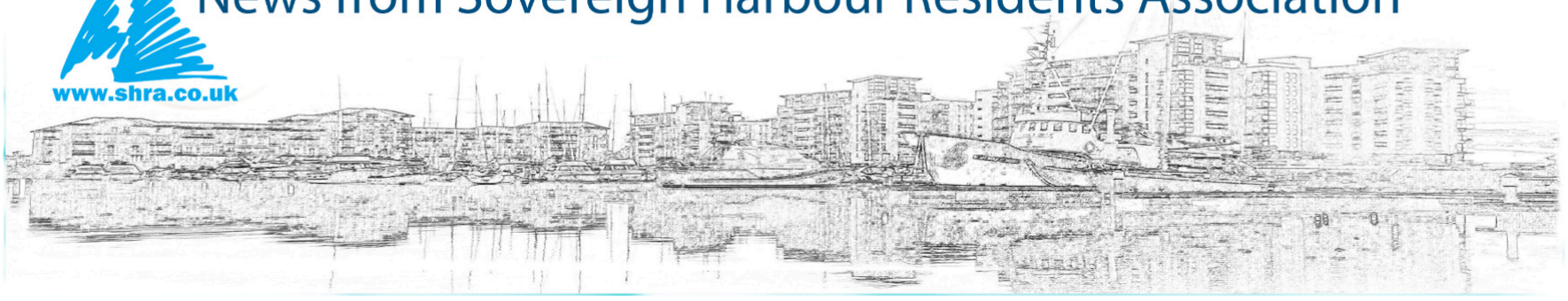
The temporary traffic lights on Pacific Drive came down on the 24th March, unfortunately four weeks later than expected. This was due to problems with the design of the shuttering for the LNT Carehome sewage works which led to water and shingle ingress. Unfortunately, both Aldi and McCarthy Stone will have to repeat this process at some point in the future, although there have been some key learnings from these initial works



SHRA lobbied East Sussex Highways to patch repair the potholes directly after the traffic lights were removed. Unfortunately, they still do not deem them bad enough although they are monitoring the situation! I would urge residents to continue to request repairs which you can do via the East Sussex Highways Portal.

Whilst we have been nagging East Sussex Highways to patch repair the potholes on Pacific Drive, our honourable MP Josh Barbarinde mentioned our plight in Parliament recently. Lets hope he has a better response than local residents!

We have recently posted on our website and Facebook page the route of the cabling which will provide Aldi with their power supply from UK Power Network. You will see from the map that there will be disruption for residents in Barrier Reef Way while the underground cable from the sub-station is laid. The works are subject to permission from EBC and are due sometime in May/June.



The SHRA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will take place this year on

Wednesday 21 May 2025

at the

Sovereign Harbour Community Centre
(Easter Island Pl, Eastbourne BN23 6JH)

Commencing at 18:00pm
for tea & coffee,
followed at 19.00 by the meeting.

We are hoping that our MP, Josh Babarinde OBE,
will be available to address the audience
(depends on Parliamentary business).

Please note the change of day and venue for this year's AGM.

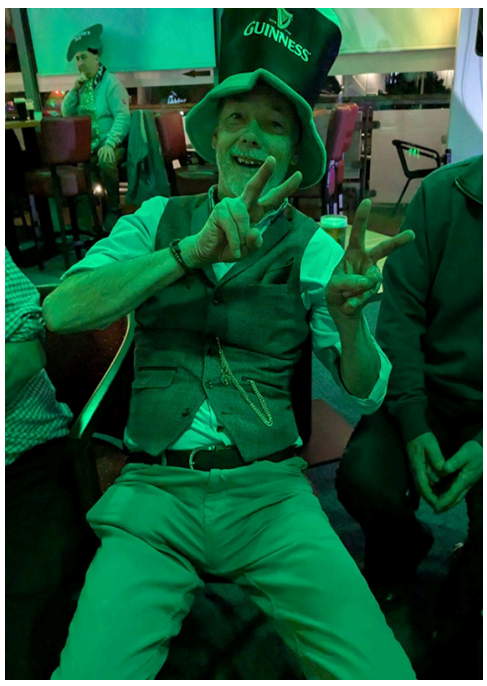
News From Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club



February saw us hosting a Rock ‘n’ Roll night with The Jive Beats, a Valentine’s dinner and a Wednesday evening talk on Trinity House and the lighthouses around our coastline. March began with a fabulous Racers’ and Cruisers’ Prize Giving evening with a three course dinner followed by over forty trophies being awarded.



We also organised a barn dance in March, a very popular Singo Bingo night with DJ Rod Constable. The main club room turned green for St Patrick’s night during which we were entertained by Guy ‘Sunshine’ Sowden and had some delicious Irish food specialities on the menu.



Live music from the Watson Brothers, an evening of Play Your Cards Right and a Mother’s Day lunch completed March.

The club is delighted to have recently purchased a yacht - a 34' cruising Bavaria (but actually 36'). She was originally named 'Tipsy Tart' but, on Sunday 6th April, we will be holding a renaming ceremony on the pontoon outside the yacht club at 12.30, where she will be renamed 'Jebbs'.



SHYC wish all the residents of Sovereign Harbour a very Happy Easter.

Ros Saunders
Communications Officer

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR BOOK & CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Latest meetng of the group took place on 21 March. The topic was timely – 'Springtime Promises'. It encouraged imagination in conjuring up appropriate plots with some choosing prose, others poetry, as the meeĒng also coincided with World Poetry Day. We had also got back to having a monthly book choice, where we all read, then discuss, the same book. This time it was 'The Way of the Hermit' by Ken Smith, the basic story is almost unreal, but the way it had been told in the book was interesting.

The book-reading exercise is to be repeated for the next of our meetings. The chosen volume is 'Spring' by Michael Morpurgo. For those who like a writing challenge, the topic is 'Ladies at Lunch'. Nicely intriguing, and with an enormous scope, or so the reaction indicated when the topic was selected!

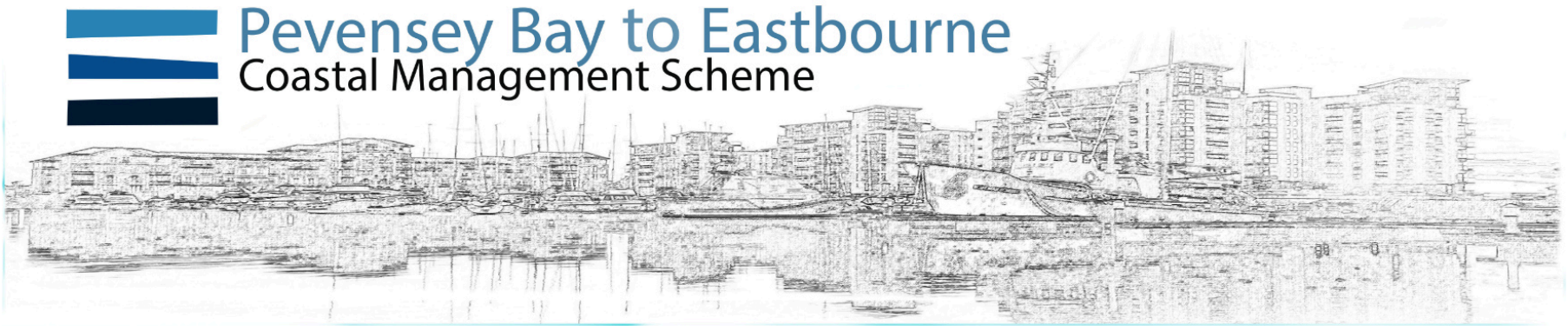
We look forward to some interesting stories/poems arising. So, reading, or writing? Or both? If you find this merits further investigation then you are welcome to join our friendly group at our next gathering at the Yacht Club. Fun is guaranteed.

For further details, or any questions, try Brenda (ejbowersuk@gmail.com) or Alan (alanturner38@btinternet.com).



The next meeting is on **Friday, 18 April, 11-30am** in the Yacht Club Members' Bar. Although our regular date, it is Good Friday, but we have decided to go ahead with the meeting anyway as it appeared the majority of members were happy to attend. Any prospective joiners are welcome to get in touch where further details can be provided. Provisionally, the meeting after should be 16 May, but that remains to be confirmed (contact details as above).

Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne Coastal Management Scheme



Welcome to the latest update from the Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne Coastal Management Scheme. We are working with a wide range of organisations and local communities to inform our approach to manage the coastline from the risk of coastal flooding and erosion, over the next 100 years.

Current Activities

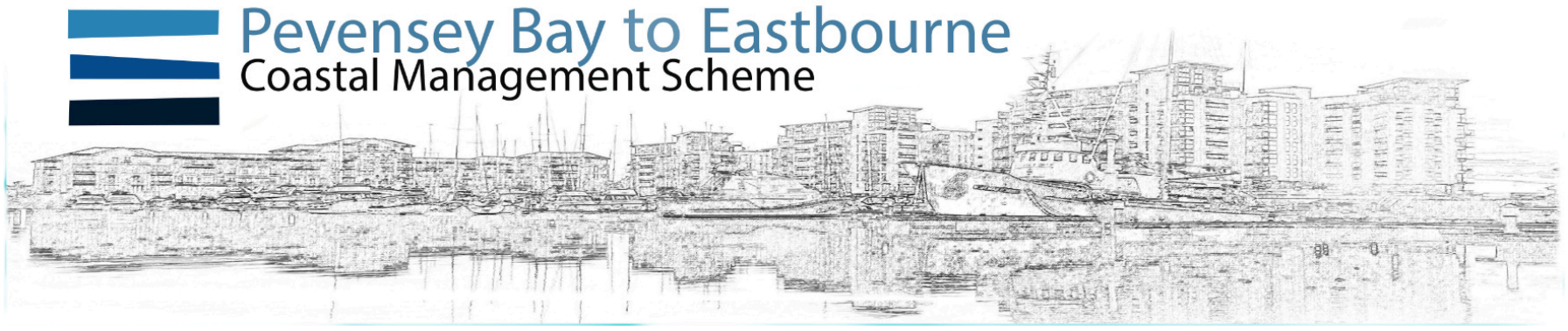
Pevensey Coastal Defence Limited (PCDL) have continued to work hard maintaining the 9km Pevensey Bay frontage. The PCDL contract finishes at the end of May 2025. We are working to ensure the beach is returned to the Environment Agency in the required condition and the experience gained over the last 25 years is transferred. From June 2025 the Environment Agency Interim Project will manage the 9km Pevensey frontage for two years with our contractor VolkerStevin undertaking operational beach activities. We are working closely together on the new contract to ensure we are fully prepared to start in June. As part of our preparations, we are undertaking training and testing our approach in mock storm events. Throughout the Interim Project we will be managing the beach in a similar way to PCDL, this means you should notice little difference in the shingle reprofiling, recycling, bypassing and recharge activities. We will continue to proactively engage with the residents and community.

New Beach Manager

We are pleased to share that a new Pevensey Bay Beach Manager, Paul Levitt, has been appointed and will lead beach management activities from June 2025.



Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne
Coastal Management Scheme



Communication Survey

To understand how updates from Paul could work best we have set up a short survey, where you can submit your communication preferences and register to receive updates by providing us with your details.

To complete the survey please visit www.pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk or scan the QR code.

Visit our website to keep updated with the latest Scheme information and news

www.pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk

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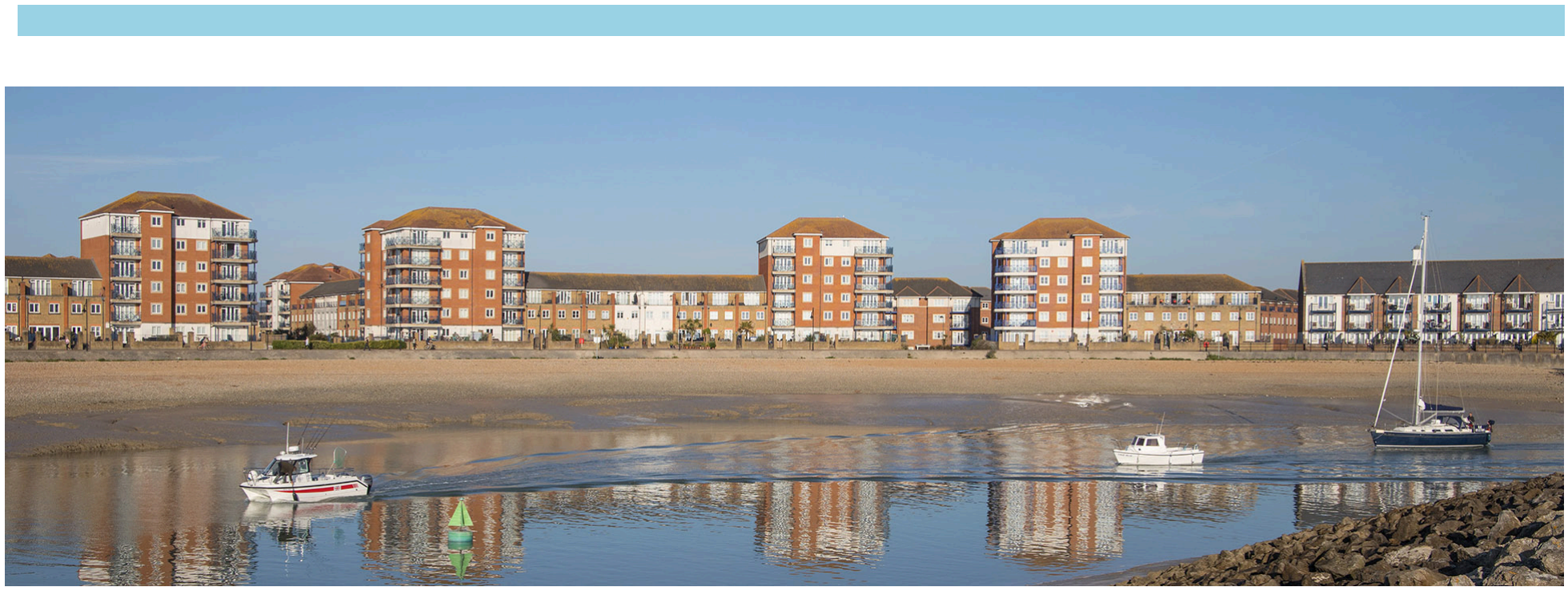
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Italian Style Braised Cod



Cod belongs to the same family along with both haddock and pollock. Italian style braised fish braised with few ingredients, simple to make, and so tender and flavourful. Serve with your choice of vegetables or alternatively serve with crusty bread to soak up every drop of the delightful tasty sauce.

Ingredients

Cod fillets 450g (1 lb) if frozen cod used, ensure thoroughly defrosted.
3 tbsps. olive oil
1 tin chopped tomatoes (400g)
1 red onion, thinly sliced
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 tin anchovy fillets in olive oil chopped (50g)
Handful of black olives, pittied and sliced
Good handful chopped fresh parsley
1 Lemon (for garnish - Do not use lemon juice)
Salt and pepper for seasoning
Small glass of dry white wine (100ml/4 fl oz)

Method

In a large frying pan, heat olive oil over medium heat fry slowly sauté onions and garlic in olive oil until softened, add tin of tomatoes with its juice stir gently and then add rest of the ingredients i.e. olives, parsley, chopped anchovy fillets and finally add wine. Simmer for 5 minutes. Place cod fillets in sauce. Simmer for about 10 minutes, gently turn and cook each side for 5 minutes.

Serve this dish with vegetables of your choice, or this meal will go very well with crusty bread.

PRESS RELEASE

East Dean & Friston Art Group

Art Show 3rd – 5th May 2025. Original art at affordable prices!

East Dean and Friston Art Group is holding its annual Art Show from 2.00 – 5.00pm on Saturday 3rd and from 10.00am – 4.00pm on Sunday 4th and Monday 5th May 2025, in the East Dean & Friston Village Hall, (Village Green Lane, East Dean, East Sussex BN20 0DR).

Entry is free, tombola and raffle donations will contribute to the Matthew 25 Mission and the theme of our annual installation and the children's art table will be "sheep"!

The exhibition will showcase the talent and diversity of styles and subject matter within the group. A wide range of original paintings and cards will be for sale, including landscapes, figures, still life, birds, animals and abstract in a range of media. Payment will be by card or cash and there will be a café with home-made cakes. Regular buses stop in East Dean.

Sue Currie, Chair of ED&FAG, said "We are delighted that the show will be opened by well-known local artist Julian Sutherland-Beatson, who exhibits worldwide including at the Royal Academy and Glyndebourne Opera House. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please have a look at our website and gallery and fill in the contacts page www.eastdeanart.org.uk or call into the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning (early September to end May) to see us in action and have a chat."

For more information please contact Liddy Davidson, Mobile 07789 776061 or email Liddypmd@gmail.com.

The East Dean and Friston Art Group has existed for over 40 years and aims to bring together artists of all abilities, who share a love of painting and drawing in any medium, to provide a forum for painting, to exchange skills, techniques, ideas and inspiration, and to enjoy the company of fellow artists. The Group meets weekly, 9.30am – 12.30pm on Tuesdays, early September to end May. Meetings during summer are held out of doors at various venues, subject to weather. Guest tutors demonstrate at one inside meeting a month,.

Prospective members are welcome to enclose their contact details in an envelope, for "The Secretary, ED&FAG" and post it in the Village Hall letter box or call in to the group on a Tuesday morning (early September to end May). Alternatively visit our website and fill in the contacts sheet: www.eastdeanart.org.uk. Priority is given to East Dean or Friston residents, but we also have members from Eastbourne, Seaford and nearby villages. The current annual subscription is £75.



Sovereign Harbour Community Centre - Latest News

Since the community centre was handed back to community management last October it's been going from strength to strength. Run by a small group of generous volunteers and the wonderful caretaking team at Sussex Caretakers, we've been busy sortng a website, getting the building up to scratch and organising events for everyone to join and take part in.

Our website www.sovereignharbourcommunitycentre.com gives details on spaces for hire and how to book a room for events, meetings, parties, fitness classes etc. You can also see a list of hirers we are proud to host and the activities they run here. www.sovereignharbourcommunitycentre.com/proud-to-host

Our **monthly bingo session** is becoming popular. Held on the 1st Tuesday of every month come along for some fun and chat. For £8 you get 10 games and a cuppa with a biscuit.



TWO new markets are coming to the Community Centre in April



From the organisers of Seaford & East Dean Village Markets.

A new monthly

Crumbles
Food and Craft Market

held on the 1st Friday of every Month.

Commencing
Friday 4 April
from 10am to 1pm



PLUS

Meads Makers are bringing their

Arts & Crafts Fair

to the Community Centre on Sunday 13 April from 11am to 3pm

Finally, beat the Monday blues!

Come along to the our new Community "drop in" every Monday (except bank holidays) from 10am to 4pm. We are serving tea & coffee (plus a few treats!) in a friendly, inclusive environment. Bring a friend or make some new ones.

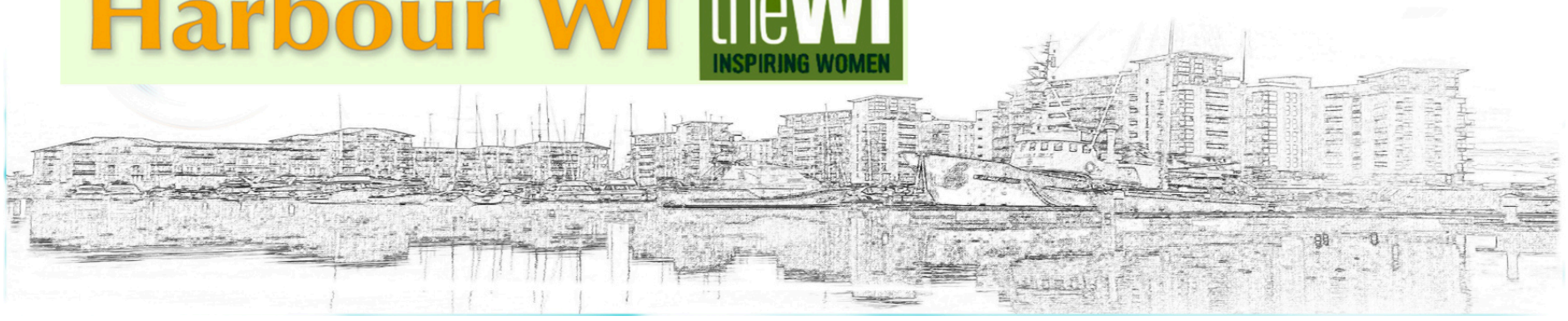




We would love to have some more volunteers to help out with our events and look after our hirers when they are using the centre. If you have a few hours each week to join us and help build a buzzing community hub, drop us an e mail to sovharbcc@gmail.com

Thank You

Harbour WI



8 members and 2 visitors were welcomed to the March meeting of the Harbour WI by President Jacquie Frost.

Diana Groot Copp then introduced Tas from Help4Hedgehogs.com, a charity that Tas set up 5 years ago at her home near Hailsham, to help with hedgehog conservation. She told the members that since 2020 they have become an endangered species and are classed as vulnerable to extinction. This is mostly due to their lack of habitat; something everyone can help to restore just by having a pile of logs and twigs in the garden - to attract beetles [their main diet] and also to make nests for their hoglets.

Tas also gave instructions on how to build feeding boxes for them and what to feed them. Not bread and milk! It gives them a bad tummy!! They like snails, beetles, caterpillars and earthworms but can also be given a meaty pet food such as Purina 1 for Kittens, with a bowl of water. The charity supports about 200 hedgehogs a year. They have varying problems, from injuries to malnutrition. Typically it can take 3 days to 'cure' and a further 3/4 days rehabilitation before they can be released back into the wild. A collection box was passed around for donations to the charity.

After tea Jacquie reminded everyone about the Annual Meeting of the Federation on Monday, 24th March and a VE Day lunch at the Langham Hotel on the 8th May being arranged by Jackie Stevens.

The Craft Club met on the 17th March at Sandy Gomam's house, the Lunch Club went to the Red Lion at Stone Cross and the 4th Tuesday Coffee Morning is in Seasons on the 25th March with everybody welcome. The newly formed Family History Group had a very successful first meeting but is fully subscribed until they can find a larger venue.

The next meeting is on the 14th April at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. It will be the Easter meeting and will include a competion for the Best Looking Easter Cake!

There is no longer a waiting list to join the Harbour WI and prospective new members are welcome to get in touch with Membership Secretary Frances on tel: 07914 603548. Informaton on the Harbour WI can also be found on the website www.shra.co.uk/wi

Judy Latter







The local companies listed below have kindly agreed to offer a discount to SHRA members on the production of a valid SHRA membership card. Please support these local businesses. If you are a local business and would like to offer a discount to our members please contact us on info@shra.co.uk

Discounts are offered at the discretion of the proprietors (there is no right to a discount). A typical discount is a 10% reduction. Terms and conditions may apply (e.g. only to food or eating in and/or only on certain days or for a limited number of persons).

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• **Curry Leaf Restaurant -** 8 Susans Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3HA. On eating-in food costs only. Tel: 01323 727900 hÈps://www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-curry-leaf-old-town

• **Listening to You.** Counselling: £20 discount on any initial bookings made by new clients during January, February and March. Tel: 07976 399 998 – all communication is confidential. www.listening-to-you.co.uk

• **Osteopathy - Michael Woodleigh BSc Hons (Osteopathy)** offers this specialist form of therapy, which is non-invasive and highly effective. Michael, who has been serving Sovereign Harbour Medical Centre since it opened, offers SHRA members a free initial consultation. This offer is limited to members of the SHRA and is subject to the first consultation only. For details, please contact Michael on 01323 767228 or visit: www.eastbourneosteopath.co.uk

• **Pablo's Restaurant** - The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, BN21 3HA. On food costs only for no more than four persons. Telephone: 01323 470400. www.pablos-eastbourne.co.uk

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Annual Membership of the SHRA is open to all households in owned or rented residential property located within the Sovereign Harbour estate, and owners of such residential property.

Join now online at: www.shra.co.uk/join





Wheels on The Waterfront

April to October – 9am to 12:30pm

We are delighted to welcome the Wheels on The Waterfront events back for 2025! A must-visit for car enthusiasts – check out an incredible rally of American and classic cars on display for all to peruse at The Waterfront. And once you've browsed the cars, treat yourself to delicious food and drink from one of our many onsite restaurants and cafe's. Dates for the diary:

- **Sunday 6th April**
- **Sunday 4th May**
- **Sunday 1st June**
- **Sunday 6th July**
- **Sunday 3rd August**
- **Sunday 7th September**
- **Sunday 5th October**



Campers & Friends

Sunday 13th April – 9am to 4pm

We are so excited to bring a new car event to The Waterfront for 2025. Enjoy a display of VW campers in all shapes, sizes and ages on Sunday 13th April from 9am to 4pm. Whether you have a long-term passion for these iconic vehicles, are new to the world of campers and want to find out more or just have a browse – save the date for your diary!

Sussex Prestige Ford Club

April to September – 9:30am to 12:30pm

The Ford Club will be on The Waterfront this year, starting from April and visiting each month until September. Old classics to reminisce over and new technology to get excited about, it'll be a Ford fans morning in car heaven! Bring friends and family along...not forgetting to give your furry babies legs a good stretch too, everyone is welcome. Enjoy breakfast at one of our many eateries before feasting your eyes on Sierra's, Escorts and Fiesta's, plus other models, or chill out afterwards for lunch with a well-deserved beverage. Dates for your diary:

- **Sunday 20th April**
- **Sunday 18th May**
- **Sunday 15th June**
- **Sunday 20th July**
- **Sunday 17th August**
- **Sunday 21st September**



Easter Egg Hunt around the Harbour *

Good Friday to Easter Monday - 10am to 4pm

The Easter Bunny is visiting The Waterfront! Find the 11 eggs hidden on the lamp posts around Sovereign Harbour. Don't forget to look out for the hidden letters on each egg poster that make up a two-word secret password! Tell the team at Di Lieto's what the secret password is and get a free chocolate egg treat. *Suitable for ages 3 to 11 years old.

What's on in 2025



Football – Adults only : Eastbourne

We are a community-based group who play Football for fun on a regular basis.

The football is played as Five A Sides in door (Tuesday & Friday) and also outdoor 7 Side (Thursday).

We run games for various adult age groups and on various evenings and during the day

Tuesday Evening – 7-8 pm - Over 35s at Shinewater Sports Centre.
Thursday Evening - 7-8 pm Over 25s at Sports Parks.
Friday Morning - 10:45am– 12 pm - Over 45s at Shinewater Sports Centre.

If you are interested, please text or email me:
Max - 07966214279
StephenMaxwell53@gmail.com

Our games are competive and players are of different abilities and levels of fitness.





Magnificent Motors

Biggest free motoring spectacular on the South Coast with over 600 vintage and classic cars,...

3rd May 2025 - 4th May 2025



Eastbourne Spring Water Festival

This annual 10 day eco festival returns - to celebrate our beautiful surroundings and promote...

9th May 2025 - 18th May 2025



Eastbourne 10k

10k running race takes place on Eastbourne's seafront on Sunday 22nd June.

22nd June 2025



Eastbourne and District Armed Forces Day

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28th June 2025



999 Emergency Services Display

A fantastic free emergency services spectacular on Eastbourne's seafront Western Lawns. Get a close...

12th July 2025 - 13th July 2025



Airbourne - Eastbourne International Airshow

Voted UK's Best Free Airshow - Airbourne returns with 4 days of spectacular flying and its all FREE!

14th August 2025 - 17th August 2025

For details of these and loads of other events, check out the Visit Eastbourme website: www.visiteastbourne.com/whats-on

Sovereign Harbour Photo Club



With the diversity of weather having had a big effect on our potential outdoor activities this year, we haven't actually managed to get out on our first local photo shoot yet. Our intention is to have a street photography evening photo shoot in Eastbourne town , so in preparation, we have had some appropriate tutorials, to ensure our members get the very best advice and subsequent pictures to be proud of.

Speaking of the weather and as a harbour resident, I am always amazed at the changing skies I see from my apartment, so I thought I would share a couple of recent contrasting pictures for your interest



It's amazing what great pictures you can get without even stepping outside your own front door, It certainly keeps me reaching for my camera or phone and if you are a harbour resident we would love to see your special pictures. Join our Facebook Page and post them there for us to see. You will find a lot of fantastic pictures by our members to view too.

As I've mentioned before, we have a monthly photo challenge in two categories, camera and Mobile phone with winning pictures (which must have been taken during the current month) being posted at the head of our Facebook page (sovereign harbour photo club uk). This months winners were Izabela Ricketts in the phone category, with a minimalistic picture of the outer harbour, and Roger Kiernan with his camera shot of our local resident Kingfisher , which frequents the north (outer) harbour. Both exceptional shots.



As an integral part of Sovereign Harbour yacht Club we were also asked recently by the club Commodore, to assist with pictures for their new yacht club brochure, which we were more than happy to do. We love a challenge and something of a project, so look out for those, if you are a yacht club member.

One of our more recent projects, is for members to provide a presentation (to view on our club nights) of either a recent holiday experience or of a topic close to their heart, such as ornithology. If you are interested in Photography and would like to join us please message me at: shpcuk@outlook.com for more information.

We are very much an informal and social group who meet every Tuesday evening In The yacht club bar (1st floor) at 7pm for a 30 minute social (with drink) (they do serve coffee by the way), followed by viewing members pictures (starting at 7.30) based on the topic of the week. We also have a video tutorial always intended to enlighten members on all aspects of photography.



It doesn't matter if you have high end digital camera or a simple smart phone, we can help you get the very best from your equipment. We have some very experienced and knowledgeable members who are more than happy to share their abilities. We have lots of interesting topics in store, so check us out. You simply need to be a yacht club member to join our group (no other photo club fees). Why not come along to see if what we do interests you. You don't need to be a member initially to check us out. Join us as a guest for a couple of meetings.

We look forward to seeing you there !

Bob Stanborough (Secretary)

EASTBOURNE VOICES COMMUNITY POP GROUP

Eastbourne Voices Community Pop Choir, who rehearse every Monday evening at The Sovereign Harbour Community Centre, are thrilled to be supporting local charities and events within the area. In December they supported Eastbourne RNLI's 'Carols With The Crew' at Sovereign Harbour, and they already have more events like this in their diary for 2025!

All ninety members of Eastbourne Voices are currently working hard towards their **Spring Concert, which will be held on Saturday 24th May at All Saints Church in Eastbourne**, and this concert will be raising much-needed funds for local charity The Sussex Dolphin Project. Tickets for this concert cost £7 for adults / £5 for children and are available from wegottickets.com, or via the link on their own website EastbourneVoices.co.uk





Latest News from Eastbourne Borough Council

Council helps students build bright careers



Students from East Sussex College Group have been getting hands-on work experience while delivering improvements for the local community, thanks to a collaboration with Eastbourne Borough Council and Mears, the council's maintenance contractor.

Construction and Building Services students, led by brickwork lecturer Dan Cobby, have rebuilt a fallen wall between the grass verge and road in Linden Close, as the first project in the joint initiative.

Councillor Peter Diplock, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "We are delighted to support these local students along their chosen career path. This collaboration not only benefits the young people by providing them with pracĒcal experience but also delivers tangible improvements for residents."

Chris Tupper, Deputy Head of Curriculum Construction and Building Services at East Sussex College Group, said the partnership had been 'fantastic' for students.

He added: "Taking part in a real-world project has given them invaluable insight into the bricklaying profession and a greater understanding of the importance of planning and safety in construction.

"We look forward to working with Eastbourne Borough Council on future initiatives to continue providing these hands-on learning opportunities."

Tickets on sale for Mayor's glamorous Charity Ball



The Mayor of Eastbourne is inviting people to join her for a night of elegance and splendour for her Charity Ball at The Grand Hotel. The popular black tie and tiara event on **Friday, May 16**, features top entertainment throughout the evening including a drinks reception with harpist Margaret Wilson followed by a delicious three course meal, a raffle, auction and dancing to live music from The Chandeliers.

All funds raised will be split between the Mayor's two chosen charities of the year - The Chaseley Trust, which supports people with neurodisabiliĒes, and Leaf Hall Disability Access Fund which aims to provide full disabled access to all parts of its centre.

People are encouraged to show their support for these charities by getting their friends together for a great night out.

The Mayor of Eastbourne, Councillor Candy Vaughan, said: "Join me for a truly special evening at The Grand Hotel. It's going to be a fantastic night out, filled with wonderful entertainment, delicious food and the chance to win some incredible prizes in our raffle and auction.

"More importantly, it's a wonderful opportunity to support two super local charities. I look forward to seeing you there!"

Book your tickets by contacting the Mayor's Office on 01323 415020 or emailing mayorsoffice@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

Sponsorship and advertising packages are available to businesses wishing to support this event and help raise money for charity. All sponsors will feature in the Ball Brochure, promotional material and advertising at the venue. Donations are also being sought for the raffle and auction.

Tickets cost £75 per person. Individuals, couples and groups are welcome to book, with tables seating a total of 10.

If you are able to support or sponsor this event, please contact the Mayor's Office on 01323 415020 or email mayorsoffice@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

Eastbourne Land Availability Assessment



Eastbourne Borough Council is updating its Land Availability Assessment, which is a key piece of evidence that will inform the preparaĒon of the new Local Plan. This is part of the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework that is set by government.

The Council is looking to identify land that has the potential to help deliver development needs, and through a ‘Call for Sites’, communities, landowners, developers and businesses are being invited to submit sites for consideraĒon.

All submitted sites will be assessed on whether they could accommodate development in the future. The submission of a site through the ‘Call for Sites’ process does not necessarily mean that it will be selected for inclusion in the Local Plan or be granted planning permission. Suggestions of sites can be submitted through the ‘Call for Sites’ on the Council’s online consultation portal.

At the same time, the Council is undertaking consultation on the way that sites are to be assessed. This is also available via the Council’s online consultation portal. Any views on the Methodology should be submitted by Friday 25th April 2025.



The clubs info below should be confirmed before attending any meeting or event

EASTBOURNE VOICES COMMUNITY POP CHOIR

Eastbourne Voices Community Pop Choir were thrilled to move to the **Sovereign Harbour Community Centre** in May, and have since attracted many new members from The Harbour. This uplifting choir encourages people of all abilities to sing as they do not use music, and **Monday night rehearsals** are packed, with over sixty members each week.
If you would like further information on the choir or are interested in joining them, please visit our website at:www.eastbournevoices.co.uk

PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB

Friendly, family orientated dinghy sailing and windsurf club, 10 minutes walk along the beach from the harbour. General sailing, training at all levels and regular club racing and social events.

We welcome beginners and experienced sailors alike and we sail at weekends and on Tuesday & Thursday evenings in the summer. Our clubhouse offers hot food and a bar at the weekends, and a sun terrace with stunning views over the bay to Bexhill and Hastings.

Do come and have a look round the club at any time or contact the membership secretary by email: membership@pbsc.euWebsite: www.pbsc.org.uk

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

An active group on Facebook with news, events & commercial information from Sovereign Harbour residents.

www.facebookcomSovereignHarbourCommunity

HARBOUR FRIENDS

For the uninitiated, Harbour Friends is a social group of Harbour Residents, of all ages, both single and couples, with the purpose of building friendships and generally enjoying life on our lovely harbour.
Events are open to members only, so why not join. At only £20 per year this is a bargain. Due to high number of current members, a waiting list may apply. Harbour Friends meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 at the Yacht Club. For further information please visit the Harbour Friends website at: www.harbourfriends.co.uk

HARBOUR Women's Institute (WI)

The Harbour Branch of the W.I. meets on the second Monday of the month at 2.00pm in Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. It also has a Craft Club with separate meetings.
At times we have a waiting list, but if you are interested in taking part, please contact Frances Harrap on: 01323 472649.
Website: www.shra.co.uk/wi/

MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) is a charity organisation which aims to promote seamanship and maritime engineering for the young and old alike through local units around the country.
Training nights are held every Tuesday evening at 19:30 in the new MVS unit within the Boat Shed.

New members are always welcome, but give us a call first so we can organise for someone to greet you. For more information, visit the MVS website or E-mail MVS or Tel: 01892-853500.

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THE GREENER HARBOUR FACEBOOK GROUP

A newer Facebook Group giving a voice to all those concerned about climate change and to those who would like to make Sovereign Harbour a greener environment.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/3398508230472303

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR BRIDGE CLUB



We hold our duplicate bridge sessions every Tuesday and Thursday, in the first floor bar of The Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.
Please arrive by 13:00, for a prompt 13:15 Start. Hosts are provided. So a partner is not necessary.
We extend a warm welcome to both Experienced and novice players, we are a very Social club with members often partaking in activities together including having a drink in the bar when our bridge finishes at 5pm,
Please visit our web site for more information.
www.bridgewebs.com/sovereignharbour/

RESIDENTS OF SOVEREIGN HARBOUR FACEBOOK

An active group on Facebook with news, photos, information, events and other posts and discussions on local
issues from Sovereign Harbour residents.
www.facebook.com/groups/129998750673307

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR PHOTO CLUB

The Sovereign Harbour Photo Club UK meets on Tuesday evenings from 7pm over coffee, in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.
Prospective members of all abilities, from beginners to professionals are welcome.
The objective of the club is help our members take better photographs with camera or smart-phone and to increase members knowledge and ability through projects, exhibitions and competitions, supported by talks and demonstrations. Young photographers especially welcome.
If interested in taking part, please e-mail Bob Stanborough (club secretary) at:

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR FLICKER GROUP

The Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Group on flickr is an on-line public gallery to view and upload photos of Sovereign Harbour.

Website: www.flickr.com/groups/

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR ART GROUP

The Sovereign Harbour Art Group classes resumed on Thursday mornings at Christ The King Church Hall, Princes Road (Langley Roundabout) between 10:00am - 12:30pm.

Learn to paint with acrylics, oils, watercolours and pastels with an experienced art tutor in a friendly, relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Fees are £10 per person for each 2.5 hour session, which covers hall hire and tuition. Annual membership fee is £6.

For more information please phone Angela on 07914 884 378 or visit the Art Group's web page at:

www.shra.co.uk/artgroup/

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

We welcome new members at any time. You don't need to own a boat, but the number of social members is limited. Lots of
Social functions and many other varied activities throughout the year.
We have great food and discounted drinks to our members and are the only club in the harbour selling Harveys beer!
Our opening hours are:

Tues–Thurs	17.00-23.00
Friday-Saturday	12.00-23.00 Sunday 12.00-18.00

Call in and speak to Sarah to view the club.
Tel: 01323 470888 membership@shyc.co.uk
Website: www.shyc.co.uk

STREETFUNK DANCE CLASSES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Streetfunk is an award winning Streetdance school providing dance classes to children ranging from 4 years to 18 years across Sussex.
Streetfunk Dance Classes are now available **every Wednesday from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre**. 4:30pm-5:30pm for 6 to 8 year olds. 5:30pm-6:30pm for 9-12 year olds. 6:30pm-:30pm for 13 years and up.
All Streetfunk's teachers are qualified,
experienced, DBS checked, and covered with PLI. Book a trail or sign up today! For bookings please email: info@streefunk.co.uk
www.streetfunk.co.uk

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR BERTH HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

The Sovereign Harbour Berth Holders Association was formed in 1999 and is RYA affiliated. The Association benefits the berth holders as well as the harbour management. Membership offers discounts from local trades people, free RNLI safety courses, workshops and other courses. Visit the website for more info: www.shbha.co.uk

EASTBOURNE BOROUGH INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Eastbourne Borough Indoor Bowls Club (formerly Langney Sports IBC)
This modern, members only facility has 6 full size indoor bowls rinks and is located near to the Harbour directly behind the Eastbourne Borough football clubhouse just off Priory Road, Eastbourne.

Both experienced and novice bowlers are welcome to come along by prior arrangement,
to see what is on offer without any obligation to join.
The bowls rinks are open from 9.30am right through to 10pm from September through until April. During the summer months the opening times can vary depending on demand. Indoor Bowls is a great way to get some gentle exercise and meet some new friends.
We also have an active social programme running through the winter season including Music Nights, Quizzes, Bingo, etc.

Annual membership is £120 per member, with
members then paying just £2.50p per two hour session of play. Members of the bowls club also have access to the bars and clubrooms of the adjacent football club.
To find out more, please either send an email to Dave Hawkins at the email address below, or visit our Website/Facebook pages

Email: dhawk4060@gmail.com

THE GARDEN BAR GOLF SOCIETY

We meet once a month for a day's golf at high quality courses. Current members cover a wide range of abilities, with handicaps ranging from 6 to 28 and, although the golf is important, the social aspects of the day are equally significant.

For more information, call in to the Garden Bar at The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, or send us an e-mail gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk

THE GARDEN BAR SUNDAY FOOTBALL TEAM

The team plays its home games at Hampden Park, and have been champions of the Lewes and District Premiership. They have been runners-up in several knock-out cup tournaments.

For more information, call in to the Garden Bar at The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, or email gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk

WARD COUNCILLOR SERVICES

The Sovereign Ward councillors hold a surgery on the third Saturday of the month between 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Simply Italian restaurant on The Waterfront.



- Get a professional to carry out e-bike conversions
- Use manufacturer recommended batteries and chargers
- Only buy from trusted sellers

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For advice on the dangers associated with e-bikes and e-scooters, their batteries and chargers and home conversion kits visit:
eastsussex.gov.uk/BeSafeBuySafe
or scan the QR code.

Information provided by
East Sussex Trading Standards

East Sussex
Fire & Rescue Service

East Sussex
County Council

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Follow these tips to prevent a fire!

When buying an e-bike or e-scooter:

- Use a reputable retailer of manufacturer
- Check the product complies with UK product safety standards – check for the CE or UKCA mark
- Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for using and charging the item
- Always use the battery with the charger recommended by the manufacturer

A hover board charging under the stairs caught fire. The remains are shown below, and the damage to the house is shown bottom right.
Photos from East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service.



When charging your e-bike or e-scooter:

Do:

- charge in a safe place without blocking exits (such as hallways)
- unplug your charger after charging
- remove the battery from your e-bike or scooter (if possible)
- charge on a hard flat surface, where there is good ventilation

Don't:

- charge in bedrooms
- leave your battery charging unattended, when you are out or while you are asleep
- cover chargers or battery packs when charging
- overload sockets or use inappropriate extension leads
- store or charge batteries in hot locations or near hazardous or combustible materials

Batteries can be damaged by being dropped, or when an e-bike / e-scooter crashes or gets grounded, causing them to become unstable

STOP using or charging if the battery:

- feels extremely hot to touch
- looks swollen, has a lump or is leaking
- makes hissing or cracking sounds
- is giving off a strong or unusual smell or smoke
- doesn't fully charge or takes longer than normal to charge

In 2023 there was an average of one fire every two days from a lithium battery in an e-bike or e-scooter in London





Fire caused by an e-bike. Photo from London Fire Brigade

Converting your standard bicycle into an e-bike?

Always get a professional to carry out the adaptation – they will ensure the bike is fitted with the correct motor, battery and charger!

Attempting to convert the bike yourself can lead to safety issues, an increased risk of fire and could make your manufacturers warranty invalid making you responsible for any damage or accidents.

Smoke or fire?

Get out, stay out and call 999 immediately.

If the battery shows any signs of failure

Turn off the device and unplug it from the power source immediately.

Faulty battery or charger?

Report it to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133

For further information, please visit:

eastsussex.gov.uk/BeSafeBuySafe

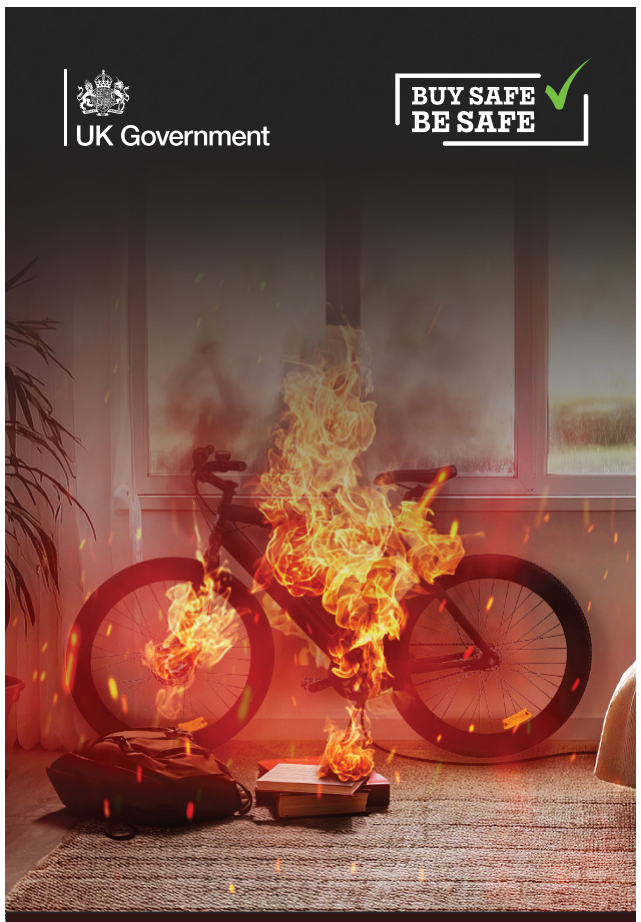
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Buy Safe, Be Safe

Raising awareness of the dangers associated with e-bikes and e-scooters, their batteries and chargers and home conversion kits.

Advice from East Sussex Trading Standards.

Quay Fisheries

FRESH FISH



Find us on the **Fishing Quay** at the

West Channel, Sovereign Harbour

All fish sustainably sourced

Caught from our own boat Shannon LI 547
and from our supplier MCB Seafood

Open every:

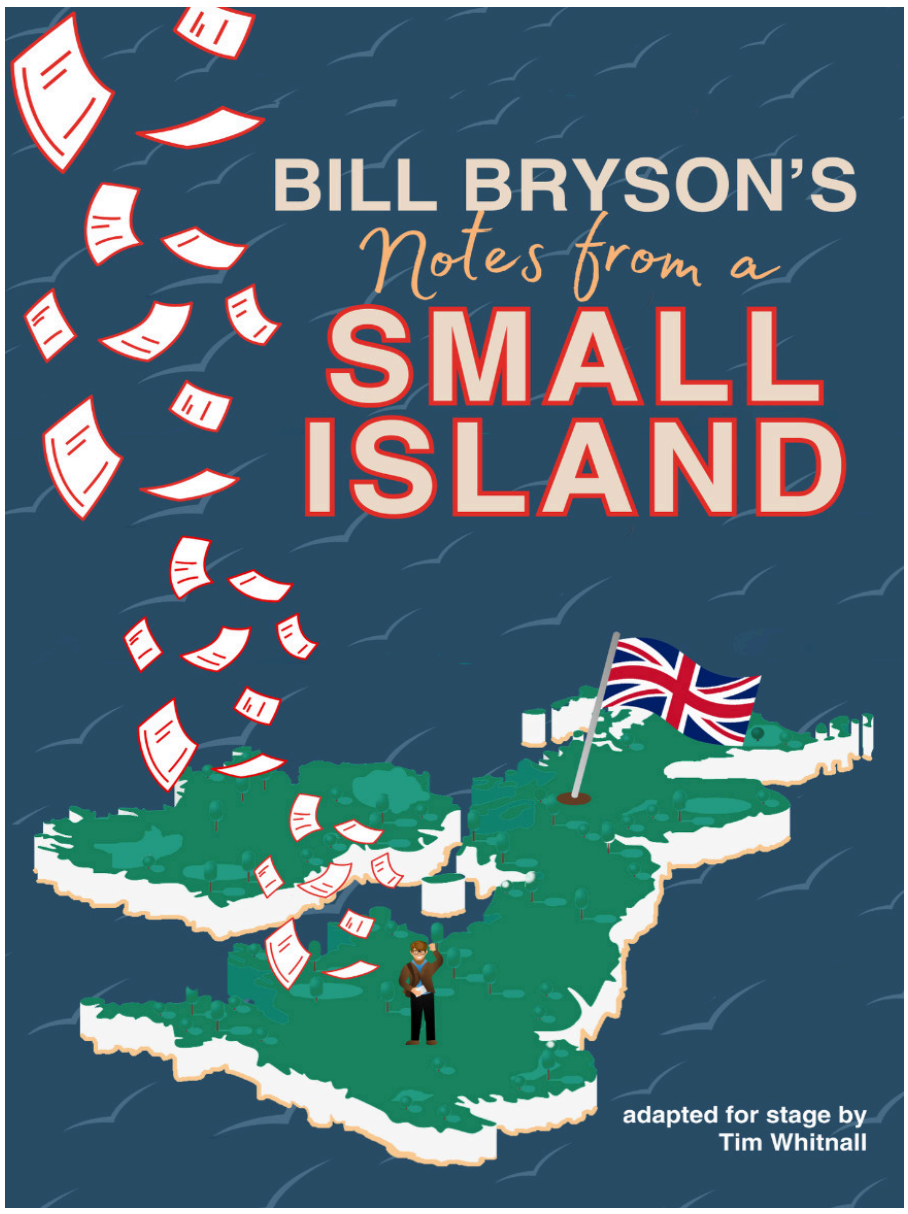
TUES – WED – THURS – FRI - SAT

9am – 3pm

THE GREEN DOOR PRODUCTIONS

VENUE: THE LAMB THEATRE, HIGH STREET, EASTBOURNE, BN21 IHH
DATE: APRIL 9TH - 12TH, 2025

VENUE: HARVEY WAREHOUSE FRINGE THEATRE, LEWES
DATE: APRIL 25TH - 26TH, 2025



From the company who brought you *Someone, Somewhere* The Green Room Productions Theatre Company presents Bill Bryson's *Notes From A Small Island* by Tim Whitnall at the Lamb Theatre, Old Town, Eastbourne and the Harvey Warehouse Fringe Theatre, Lewes.

It's 1973, and a young man from Des Moines, Iowa, has arrived on the ferry at Dover. He intends to conquer the whole of the island, like Caesar attempted before him.

But Caesar didn't have to deal with counterpanes, kippers, Cadburys Curly Wurlies, or Mrs Smegma the landlady's eccentric house rules. As Bill travels the length and breadth of Britain, through villages with names like Titsey and Little Dribbling, something strange starts to happen. Can it be true? Is he really starting to feel at home?

Bill Bryson's smash-hit memoir *Notes from a Small Island* spent three years in *The Sunday Times* bestseller list, sold over two million copies, and was voted the book which best represents the UK.

With more than 80 characters and incorporating almost as many cities, Tim Whitnall's adaptation is a hugely ambitious project... it manages to capture the spirit of the novel..."
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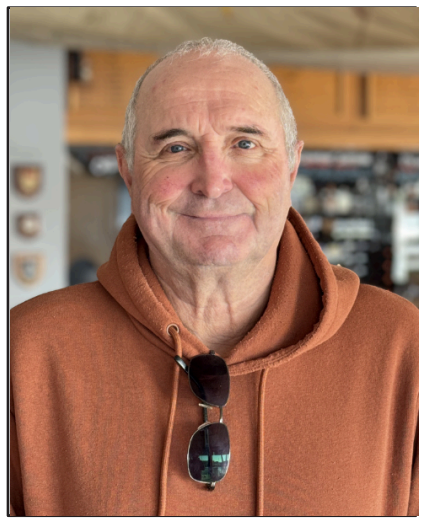
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PRICES: £15.00
COMPANY WEBSITE: www.thegreenroomproductions.co.uk
BOOKING WEBSITE: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hegreenroomproductions
BOX OFFICE: 01323 505463



SHRA COMMITTEE TEAM



Caroline Lynam
(Membership Secretary)



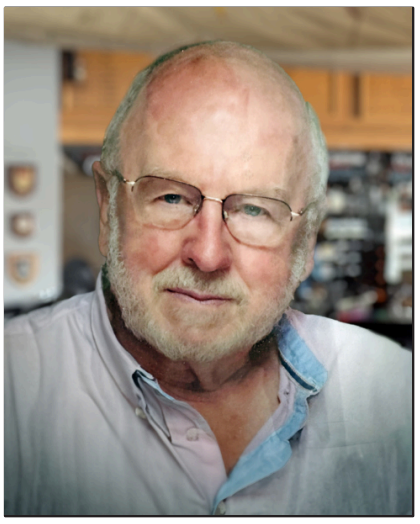
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Carol Collier
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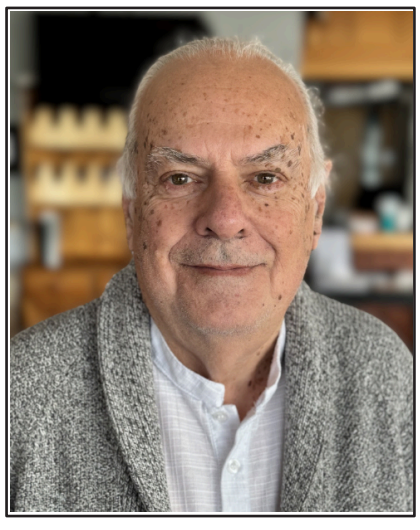
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