

A message from the Editor

Welcome to the June Edition of Waterlines, the bi-monthly newsletter from the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association.

Whilst the weather has been calm and sunny during the past few weeks, there have been plenty of issues which have kept the team busy during the last couple of months.

Included in this edition is an overall summary of what has been happening in around site 7A / Pacific Drive which has kept us busy on our toes. More detail in the Newsletter

I have also included a profile of one of our new Committee members David Blackburn. Having a Solicitor in the group is proving to be a real asset, he is already keeping us on the straight and narrow!

I have been thinking for a while (which can be dangerous) that our readers may like to know more about the residents who live in the harbour. We are close to 1500 SHRA members, I am guessing there will be a significant number of individuals living amongst us who have really interesting stories to tell.

In the future I believe this newsletter should be more about you!

So, for any resident who wants to put up to 400 words together with a decent photograph of themselves, please email your thoughts to waterlines@shra.co.uk with an email header of "My Story" If there is more than one reply, our small editorial team of Dave, Raj and I will pick the winner.

We held our SHRA AGM at the community centre on Wednesday 21st May. Whilst well attended, we will be scratching our heads to try and find a way to attract some of our younger members! Our MP Josh Babarinde attended giving us an update on issues which he is dealing with locally and then taking questions.

The star of the show was local fisherman Michael Newton-Smith, Director of Eastbourne U10 Fishermans CIC, who gave an overview of the challenges facing the local fishermen including the very naughty and very clever seals who keep eating the fish!

And finally, an apology from the Editor. In my last editorial I misrepresented the development being built on the A259 which I can confirm is called the Castle View Residential Park.

Enjoy!

Richard King

Editor

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



The Crumbles Retail Park

M&G Real Estate who own the Crumbles Shopping Centre are delivering on their promise to resurface the car park as part of the new Costa Coffee / McDonalds development. It is almost completed and it is a considerable improvement! The timeline we have been given for the opening of the Costa / McDonalds is approx June / July.



Untold Living Development

We've had little communication from them recently; however, a meeting has been arranged for the 12th June which we will be attending. In our last update we mentioned a potential start date of construction of September 2025. If there is any significant news, we will update you on our website and by email.

Site 7A / Pacific Drive

Where should we start and stop! Not being construction experts, we naively thought that that during the planning process the location of the relevant pipework, cabling and the structure of the ground where they would need connectivity / access would have been thoroughly investigated. We also thought that the local authorities including East Sussex Highways, East Sussex County Council and others would have a strong line of communication between each other. Not so much ……



It was, paradoxically, unrelated activities at Site 7A that led to the most significant challenges when Hutchinson Environmental commenced work on connecting the main sewerage pipes from Castle View Residential Park on the A259 to a connection by the entrance to the North Harbour caused traffic chaos. Permits were exceeded when they discovered fibre cabling in the ground directly where they needed to dig. The upside is that the McCarthy Stone who started construction after Aldi and the LMT Care home learnt from previous mistakes and completed their connection on time.

Unfortunately, the frustration continues. Driving out of the harbour on Saturday morning (24th May) I discovered more traffic lights had been erected which, is linked to the electrical supply coming from the substation in Barrier Reef Way to the Aldi Supermarket. It was with some frustration that we emailed UK Power Networks soon after asking why the erection of the traffic lights could not have waited until after the Bank Holiday as no works happened during that period. We have subsequently received a partial response with no explanation for the timing issue!; the traffic lights will be in situ until 11th June. We shall see!

Martello Towers



The BBC reported on the 27th May that a revised planning application has been received for both towers, which was discussed at the EBC planning meeting on Tuesday (3rd June). The planners had changed their recommendation for Tower 64 to request that approval be deferred for clarification of the land ownership red line. The deferment was agreed. The plan for Tower 66 on Site 1 was approved as recommended. Further related agreements, plans and documents need to be finalised for both applications. Please click the link for more information. www.shra.co.uk/devsitetowers.html

And finally, the **Potholes**

Balfour Beaty, the highways sub contractor has rejected our request to patch repair Pacific Drive after the 24th March as the potholes supposedly do not meet the repair criteria!. (Although they have recommended they do some works in the future)

These potholes are getting worse and now it should meet the criteria. Complaints have been made to the council, again!. With the new 3 way traffic lights put in place it has made it worse as cars have to go over the potholes.







The Water Feature at Columbus Point, South Harbour

The anchor shaped Water Feature that runs through the South Harbour Columbus Point development is owned by the 369 properties surrounding it, and Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited ("CPMCL") manages and maintains the facility on their behalf.

The amenity is a water display. It contains chemicals (chlorine/bleach) to maintain water quality and prevent the growth of algae. We would like to remind everyone that it is not a swimming pool, dog bath or to be used for any other purpose. If you see anyone abusing this facility in any way, we would be grateful if you get in touch with us via our website or email address. - directors@cpmcl.co.uk

The summer timetable is now in place. From 1 May until 30 October, the water feature will run from 1 pm to 7 pm daily. I hope you enjoy this feature as much as our local residents.

The company's property managers are Wishtower Limited (01323 312121). For more information about the Water Feature visit the company's website: www.cpmcl.co.uk

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SOVEREIGN HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

Making Sailing affordable and accessible to all

OUR CLUB YACHT "JEBBS"



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Would you like to sail but are not sure what to expect?
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Among the topics included will be clothing, safety procedures and parts of a boat. You will also have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The sessions will be led by our experienced club skippers ensuring you gain the confidence and knowledge needed to embark on your sailing journey with us.

Please call during office hours on 01323 470888 to book a place.

All sessions start at 7pm in our Royal Sovereign suite on the following days:
Thursday May 15th Tuesday June 17th
Tuesday July 22nd Tuesday August 19th

See our website www.shyc.co.uk for our Club Yacht Handbook which gives full information about sailing on "Jebbs".
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SOVEREIGN HARBOUR BOOK & CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Latest meeting of the group took place on 16 May. The book choice was one that has come to be regarded as a modern classic: '*I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*' by Maya Angelou. All who had read it had learned something from it. It is a book that offers much to learn, it is well written, but also easy to read.

We then had an interesting interlude as one of our members had accepted the challenge of trying to write a play. The result was a script for a one-act production in which we all took a part in the play-reading exercise. It was fun as well as being another learning experience and now we wait to see if someone else will have a go at producing something on the same lines – or even more adventurous?

The writing topic for this month had yacht club potential as it was 'Chart' or 'Charts'. Cartography featured among the results, but imaginations also stretched to pop charts and medical charts. The results were not short of humour.

Right up to date, our book this month is '*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*' by Christy Lefteri. For the writing exercise, hopefully, the topic of 'Invader' or 'Invasion' will ensure another round of entertaining writing. We are having to ask contributions to be around 800 words simply to let everyone have the floor for a fair share of time. You are welcome to join our regular mid-month fun, even if just to listen.



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

The next meeting is on Friday, 20 June, 11-00am in the Yacht Club Members' Bar. Prospective joiners are welcome to get in touch. Any questions or queries or further details can be provided from the contacts above. Provisionally, the meeting after should be 16 July, but that remains to be confirmed.



Over 18,000 properties are at risk from coastal flooding within the Pevensey Bay and Eastbourne area. The Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne team is working closely with others to design an approach to mitigate this risk beyond the end of the century.

Short – term (2025-2027):
As of 1 June 2025, the Environment Agency (EA) has officially taken over responsibility for managing the Pevensey Bay frontage, following the successful completion of a 25-year contract with our long-term delivery partner, Pevensey Coastal Defence Limited (PCDL).
We extend our sincere thanks to everyone at PCDL for their dedication in protecting the community from coastal flood risk over the past two and a half decades. Their commitment to operational excellence and the seamless transfer of knowledge has ensured a smooth transition into the Interim Project phase.

Paul Levitt has been appointed as the new EA Pevensey Beach Manager. He will lead the day-to-day management of the 9km frontage, continuing efforts to safeguard thousands of homes and businesses from flooding. The beach will continue to be managed in a similar way to PCDL, with familiar activities such as shingle re-profiling, recycling, bypassing, and recharge carried out by our contractor VolkerStevin.

To stay informed about beach management activities, you can sign up for email updates from Paul on our website: www.pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk

If you see Paul out on the beach, feel free to say hello or ask any questions. You can also reach him directly via email at:
pevenseybeachmanager@environment-agency.gov.uk

Medium – term (2027 – 2037):
As we look ahead to the medium-term phase, we are now entering the final stages of design for the beach improvements - including upgrades to some of the existing groynes. Everything remains on track for work to begin in summer 2027, taking over from the short-term team.
We will continue to keep you informed as plans develop over the coming year, using our usual communication channels.

We are especially grateful to local community groups in Old Martello Road, Pevensey Bay, and Herbrand Walk for their valuable input and ongoing support. If you would like to get involved or share your views, please visit our website:
www.pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk

Long – term Strategy (future phases from 2037):
We are developing a long-term coastal strategy in response to our changing climate. This strategy will guide the coastal management interventions needed from 2037 onwards.
Sea levels are projected to rise by over a metre by the end of the century, and storm patterns are also expected to change. While beach management updates and groyne improvements are suitable for protecting our communities in the medium-term, different approaches will be required in the long-term.

We are at the beginning of this important process - and we want to hear from you. What does this coastline mean to you? Your input will help us understand its value and your hopes for its future.

The survey on our website takes just 5–10 minutes to complete and will play a key role in shaping our 100-year coastal management plan, starting in 2037. Please share the following QR code widely to help us gather views from across the community.

Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne
Coastal Management Scheme



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



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

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Pan Fried Butterfly Seabass
With Herby Lemon, Capers and Coriander



This recipe is very simple and quick to cook with few ingredients. Seabass with garlic, lemon butter is pan-fried to perfection and mixed in a rich butter sauce infused with garlic and fresh chopped coriander which gives a slightly citrusy and herby taste.

It doesn't have to be the butterfly Seabass fillets; you can also purchase fresh fillets of Seabass from any major supermarkets, or Quay Fisheries at The Waterfront often have them.

Ingredients
Seabass fillets (about 100g each)
Salt and black pepper
40g preferably unsalted butter
2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely grated
Handful of fresh coriander chopped
2 tbsp Capers
2 Lemons (Juice of ½ lemon & 1 lemon to garnish)
2 tbsp Olive Oil

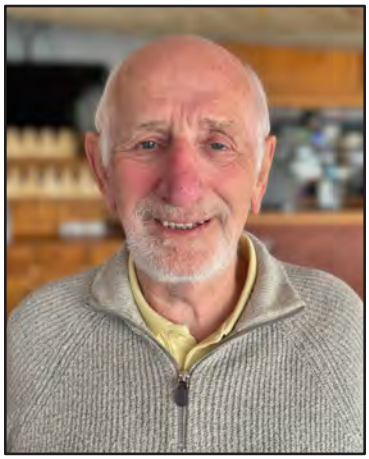
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Put the butter in a large frying pan on a medium heat. As soon as it melts add the grated garlic and capers and fry for a few minutes until golden. Squeeze in the lemon juice and take off the heat. Stir the ingredients then pour into a small bowl and set aside.

Drizzle the olive oil into the same frying pan over a medium heat then place the seabass fillets skin side down and fry for four to five minutes, until the skin is crisp and slightly golden colour. Turn up the heat a little, flip over the fish and fry for a couple of minutes more, until cooked through and golden all over.

Pour the caper butter back into the pan for the last 30 seconds, then serve with the butter sauce and some of the chopped coriander and lemon wedges.

News from our SHRA committee members

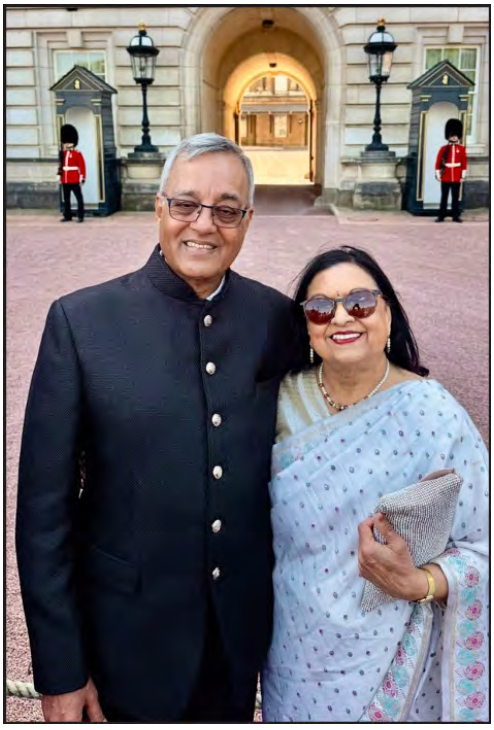


OUR NEW SHRA COMMITTEE MEMBER

DAVID BLACKBURN

I was born and raised in a small village on the outskirts of Liverpool and went to grammar school in Liverpool. Unfortunately, at the age of 18, I was turned down for a career as a professional footballer and therefore went to university instead where I obtained a law degree and also met my future wife.
After qualifying as a solicitor, I managed the in-house legal department of a FTSE 250 house building company for a number of years, before leaving to set up my own firm, as a “one man band” in 1975. Over the next 24 years, I developed the firm into a 6 office business with some 100 staff, spread through central, east Lancashire and Manchester.
After retiring from the business in 1999, I commenced work as a part time consultant with a small practice in Liverpool before finally joining my current firm which is in fact a multinational firm.
In 2011, my son and his partner confirmed that they were expecting a child and, as my wife insisted that we should not be some 300 miles from our grandchild, we moved to Eastbourne from the small village in which we had lived in Lancashire for some 35 years.
Notwithstanding the fact we had lived in the village for such a long period, we have no regrets at all of moving to Eastbourne and are extremely happy with Sovereign Harbour as our home.
Since moving to Eastbourne, I have continued with my sporting activities which have included a return to football (although the walking football kind!!) as well as golf, where I have served as chairman of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club.
As I am intending to fully retire from the law in October 2025, I look forward to being able to devote more time to the activities on SHRA.

A ROYAL INVITATION TO A BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY





The Lord Chamberlain is
commanded by His Majesty to invite
Mrs. Nirmala Pisavadia
and Mr. Rajendra Pisavadia
to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace
to celebrate and recognise those working in
Education and Skills
on Wednesday, 14th May, 2025 from 4 to 6 p.m.



Raj Pisavadia, SHRA committee member and joint *Waterlines* editor, accompanied his wife Nirmala Pisavadia, who was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 14th May, 2025. Nirmala was recognised and nominated for her educational work with people who are blind and visually impaired, when they lived in Wales. She was also recognised for her work in raising awareness about preventable sight loss in minority ethnic communities in Wales.

Raj and Nirmala thoroughly enjoyed the Royal Garden Party and were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day at the Palace and Nirmala met Queen Camilla! Both felt very honoured to have been invited to the Palace Gardens, and will always have wonderful memories of this ‘once in a lifetime' occasion!

Sovereign Harbour Community Centre - Latest News

Spring has arrived and we are all enjoying the brighter and warmer days. There's lots going on at the community centre



Bingo & Biccies

Our monthly bingo session is quickly becoming the hottest ticket in town! Held on the first Tuesday of every month come along and join us for some fun and chat For £8 you get 10 games plus a cuppa with a biscuit.

Bingo dates for 2025
1 July
5 August
2 September
7 October
4 November
2 December

During our May session we celebrated **VE Day** by holding a raffle with the proceeds donated to the Royal British Legion. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our Bingo players we raised £75 to help them continue their great work. (and Caroline discovered her inner Land Girl!)



Coming UP

The SHCC Health and Wellbeing Day
Saturday 28 June 11am to 4pm

It's all about YOU!

Busy lives and stressful jobs take their toll. It's important to take time for ourselves so we are organising a health & wellbeing event with various stallholders and wellbeing experts giving talks and advice. Our resident Yoga teacher Trish Martin (trishmartinyoga.co.uk) will be giving free taster sessions so come along and indulge yourself! We've also got fresh brewed coffee, tea and biscuits, coz they never fail to boost our mood!



The Crumbles Food and Craft Market

Our Monthly Crumbles Food and Craft Market is held on the first Friday of every Month. F**rom 10 am to 1pm Mark your Diaries…. Here are this year's Market Dates**

6 June
4 July
1 August
5 September
3 October
7 November
5 December

Pop by Lisa's on-site café, the cake is definitely worth the trip



Finally, beat the Monday blues!

Come along to our Community "drop in" every Monday (except bank holidays) from 10am to 4pm.

We are serving fresh brewed coffee & tea (plus a few treats!) in a friendly, inclusive environment. Bring a friend or make some new ones



P.S. Our friends at Collaborative Canvas (collaborativecanvas.org) also hold their "Chat & Creativity" sessions in the Community Centre on Mondays from 10.30 to 12noon, and 2pm to 4pm. Using art as a wellbeing tool Emma & Lisa's lovely informal group sessions are a great way to share and express via art. Entry is by donation, and don't worry if you haven't picked up a crayon, brush or felt tip pen since school - it's good fun and we've seen some fabulous pictures coming out of the room.

Sovereign Harbour Community Centre
Better Together
www.sovereignharbourcommunitycentre.com

Our website 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. https://www.sovereignharbourcommunitycentre.com/proud-to-host



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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• **CoCo Hair** - Hair and beauty salon. 16, The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, BN23 5UZ. Also require proof of a Harbour address. 01323 471147 www.cocohair.co.uk

• **Curry Leaf Restaurant -** 8 Susans Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3HA. On eating-in food costs only. Tel: 01323 727900 https://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

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



Whats on at the Waterfront

Wheels on The Waterfront

June 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 July**
- **Sunday 3rd August**
- **Sunday 7th September**
- **Sunday 5th October**



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



World War II Jeeps

- **Saturday 14th June**
- **Saturday 19th July**

Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club Evening Rally

- **Tuesday 24th June from 6pm**

Explore a display of 20 Jaguar vehicles at the Waterfront from 6pm, with the vehicle owners and club members available to answer any questions you may have about Jags.

Summer Artisan Market

- **Saturday 12th July**

&

- **Sunday 13th July**

Urban Beach

Now open 10am to 6pm (subject to weather)

Our Urban beach opened on 1st June and is filled with 26 tonnes of brand new prewashed sand, making sure it’s fresh and clean, ready for you and your little ones to enjoy.

THE HARBOUR W.I.

After welcoming members to the May meeting of The Harbour WI, President Jacquie Frost introduced Elliot from East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. Elliot is the team leader of Blue Watch in Whitley Road Eastbourne.



Eastbourne fire station is a very busy one. They cover a large area from Brighton in the West, Bexhill in the East and Hailsham in the North. They have two fire engines, an ALP (Aerial Ladder Platform) and an MDU (Mass Decontamination Unit). There are 11 firefighters in all, with eight always on duty.

Three of them were with Elliot to help members with advice on smoke alarms and fire prevention. Members were advised to check their smoke alarms and CO2 alarms regularly. [At least once a week!]

If in any doubt call the team in to fit new ones. This is a free service and smoke alarms are supplied free of charge. They have a 10-year battery life and should be fitted one per level.

Elliot advised members to have a 'Fire Plan' in place for emergencies. He explained how to put this in place and also how to prevent fires. Before they left, the team took details from any members needing help with smoke alarms.

The Craft Club met on the 19th May at Sandy Gomam's house, the Lunch Club went to the Kings Restaurant in the college on the 21st May, and the 4th Tuesday Coffee Morning is in Seasons on the 27th May with everybody welcome. The newly formed Family History Club will also meet on the 27th May in the afternoon.

The Harbour WI's next meeting is on the 9th June at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Paul Lendon is giving a talk entitled 'On the Buses', followed by the Annual Meeting.

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. Information on the Harbour WI can also be found on the SHRA website. www.shra.co.uk/wi



Get Ready to Move! Join the 5th Annual Pier2Peer WayfinderWoman Charity Walk, Run, or Cycle!

Looking for a fun way to spend a summer Saturday while giving back to the community? Lace up your trainers or hop on your bike, grab the kids — and even the dog — and join WayfinderWoman for the 5th annual **Pier2Peer** charity event on **Saturday 28th June 2025**.

They're inviting everyone across Eastbourne, Hastings, and beyond to come together for a fantastic day of fitness, fun, and friendship — all while supporting the amazing work of **WayfinderWoman**. Your participation will help keep their vital drop-in centre open for another year, offering a lifeline of support to women across the community.

Choose Your Adventure:

- Take on the full **25k route** from **Eastbourne Pier to Hastings Pier** by walking, running, or cycling — it's a spectacular way to enjoy our stunning coastline.
- Prefer a shorter route? No problem. Tackle the **10k option**, travelling from **Eastbourne Pier to Sovereign Harbour and back** — perfect for families and younger participants.
- Cyclists, up for a bigger challenge? You can extend the ride to a **50k round trip**, pedalling from Eastbourne to Hastings Pier and back again!

Everyone's Welcome!
Families are especially encouraged — bring the kids on scooters, bikes, or blades! Stroll with your friends, jog with your colleagues, or even bring along your four-legged best friend for a tail-wagging good time. This event is all about community spirit, celebrating wellbeing, and enjoying the incredible beauty of our coastline together.

Why Take Part?
Not only will you be soaking up the seaside vibes and having a brilliant day out, but every step, pedal, and stride you take will help WayfinderWoman continue providing crucial support to women in need.

Save the Date:
📅 **Saturday 28th June 2025**
📍 **Start: Eastbourne Pier**
🕘 Time: registration and set off between 7.30am – 9am

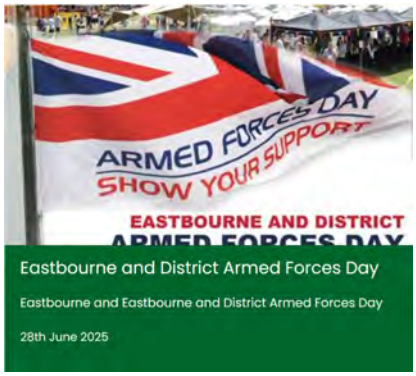
Visit the website and see our Pier2Peer page for joining info:

www.wayfinderwoman.com

Make This the Biggest and Best Year Yet
This is more than a fundraiser — it's a celebration of our wonderful community and coastline. So, round up your family, friends, neighbours, and co-workers and be part of something truly special.

See you at the Pier!







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

Sovereign Harbour Photo Club

Well finally summer has arrived, which always brings the usual bit of new found enthusiasm from everyone along with a happier disposition. (The TV news can be quite depressing these days.)
As always, the Phot Club has been busy with our weekly challenges for members on various topics. (Which are set in advance on a monthly basis.)
Everyone's entries (usually a maximum of 4 per person), are reviewed by our group, with a friendly critique and advise. Suggestions and advice can be taken or not, as you choose !
As we continually say, we want to help members get the best from their photography and the ultimate aim is for them to be happy with their results. If others are impressed with what you do then that's an added bonus, and may give you that 'warm fuzzy feeling', but ultimately, the object is to satisfy yourself.
A recent venture we undertook (as an integral part of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club), was to undertake a photo shoot of the renaming ceremony of the new club yacht "Jebbs", which is available for hire, private charter and more. A couple of example pictures shown below taken by some of our members.





As always our monthly challenge sees two winners, one being a smart phone user and the other a camera user.
The winner are judged by the number of "Likes" credited during the month by Facebook site viewers.

This months winners were: **Roger Kiernan's "Heron in Flight"** And.... **Diane Evans "Fishing Boats at Night"**. Well done to both of you

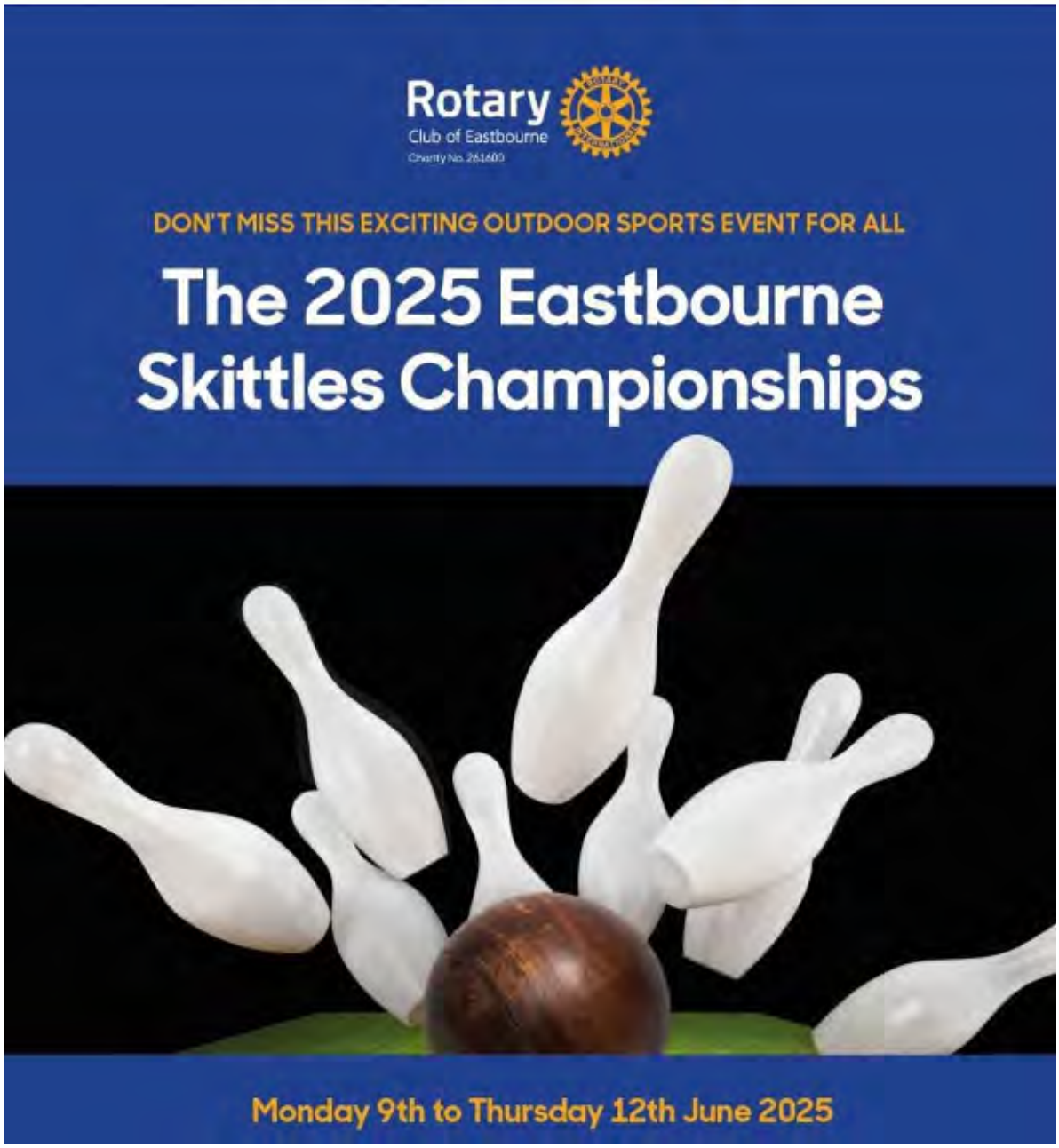




If you are a keen photographer and what we do interests you, please come along and check us out at 7pm on a Tuesday evening. We are happy to welcome you as a guest for a couple of weeks to see for yourself. We are all just a like minded group of enthusiasts to like to share our passion for photography under a social banner. If you like what we do, you would just need to be a member of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, of which we are a part. No other requirements or fees. If you would like more information, please drop me a message a: Shpcuk@outlook.com

Bob Stanborough (secreatary)

Rotary
Club of Eastbourne
Incorporating Charity No 261600



Don't Miss This Exciting Outdoor Charity Sports Event For All, organised by the Rotary Club of Eastbourne.

The Eastbourne Skittles Championships take place every evening from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th June at the Saffrons Eastbourne, starting at 7pm.

Skittles is open to all - able and disabled alike. The Event offers a great opportunity for teams from all walks of life to join in a community-wide, competitive, yet fun occasion on a Summer's evening. Entry forms for a team of 6 persons can be downloaded at www.eastbournerotary.org.uk



Harbour Friends Social Group Update

Firstly, a sincere apology for missing the copy deadline for the April issue of Waterlines. That does however mean, that this update will be a bit longer than usual.

I think we can all agree, that we got off quite lightly this Winter just gone by on the harbour, with fortunately no snow and also no exceptionally cold days.



As I compose this update on all things Harbour Friends, the Spring weather has slightly gone a bit downhill, but I am sure that we can look forward to a lovely Summer.

Whatever the weather, over the Winter and early Spring Harbour Friends members have continued getting together to enjoy plenty of special events as follows.

On the first Wednesday of each month**,** our club Secretary Gloria Craske is now hosting a **Harbour Stroll + Coffee Morning** for our members which is proving very popular.

In February we went **Tenpin Bowling** at the Freedom Leisure Centre in Hailsham and also welcomed entertainer **Marko for a Magic/Cabaret Evening** in the RSS function room of the yacht club.

In March, we visited the **Hove Greyhound Stadium for Sunday Lunch and a flutter** and we also held our groups **Annual General Meeting** which was immediately followed by a **Variety Bingo** session. All very successful events with great turnouts.



In April, we had our **St George's Day Spring Party Night,** where we were very fortunate to have local singer Guy Sunshine back again to sing for us and whip up the party vibes.

In May, we saw the return of **People Racing**. This very popular event gave our members the chance to have a casual flutter, with all monies taken in being returned as cash prizes to the race winners. It was a brilliant fun evening, with 6 volunteer "jockeys" moving along the marked-out track using jumbo colour/number die.

Also in **May**, quite a few of our members went along to a special open day at **Ocklynge Manor Gardens.** This was a great opportunity to have a look around some beautiful gardens that are not normally open to the public

Upcoming HF member only events include the following:

2nd June - Croquet and Afternoon Tea at Compton Croquet Cub in the Saffron's Sports Ground, **18th June** - **New Age Kurling Taster Session** at Sovereign Harbour Community Centre. **25th June - Actor Mr Tony Harris impersonating Donald Trump** & on **16th July - Pub Quiz Time,** both in RSS function room of the Yacht Club

When we do not have a special event on a Wednesday, we usually have a few of our members just meeting up for a chat and a drink in the normal yacht club bar. As we share that bar with yacht club members, it is important that anyone considering joining makes contact before coming along. We are also very close to our maximum membership number, so with that in mind and if you are a harbour resident and have been considering joining the group now would be a great time to do so.

For further details of our group and to ask about joining, please do visit our website at: **www.harbourfriends.co.uk** There you can use the contact form to make your enquiry and someone will get back to you. That is about it for now and I wish you all the best as we move into the Summer.

Dave Hawkins (HF Publicity Officer)



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

TheSovereign 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

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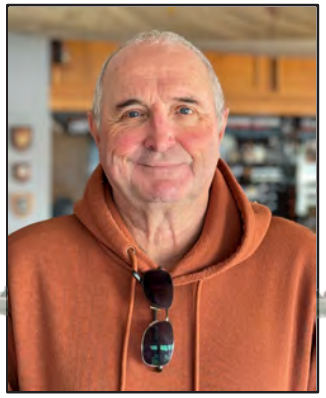
The Sovereign Ward councillors hold a surgery on the third Saturday of the month between 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Simply Italian restaurant on The Waterfront.



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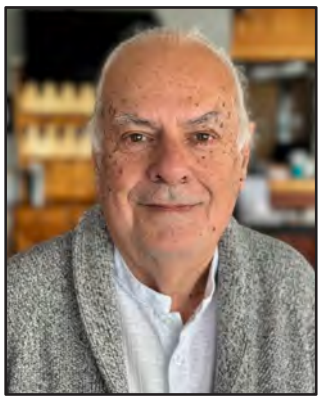
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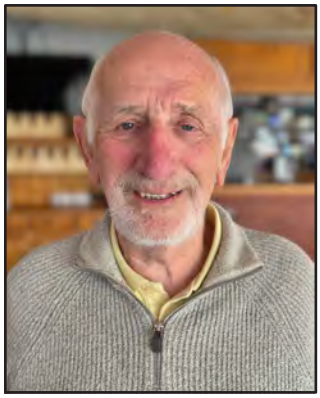
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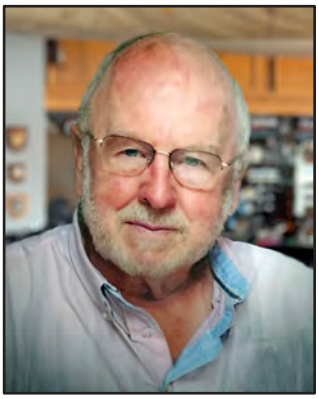
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