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Hello, and welcome to the June issue of *Waterlines*. I hope that you find items of interest. The SHRA committee has continued its monthly on-line meetings, and we continue to contact and lobby various bodies as required. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome: waterlines@shra.co.uk

Most activities of the local clubs listed in *Waterlines* remain severely curtailed at present, but some of the clubs have active plans in place for when restrictions are further lifted.

We don't have a great deal of harbour news in this edition, but we do have an apology…

Letter from fishing vessel owner.
At the request of Premier Marinas, we have removed a letter from Mr Storey, owner of two harbour fishing vessels, together with SHRA's response, from the April 2021 edition of Waterlines and from the SHRA website. The letter and the response were published before seeking Premier Marina's view. Had we discussed the matter with Premier Marinas, we would have been made aware that an amicable agreement had already been reached between Mr Storey and Premier Marinas. We apologise to Premier Marinas for any misunderstanding or any criticism of them that may have occurred as a result of the publication of the letter and our response. We are meeting with Premier later this month to discuss the matter.

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New Ward Councillor - Kshama Shore



Thank you to the Sovereign Harbour Residents' Association for giving me this opportunity to introduce myself. I am your newly elected Sovereign Ward Councillor. You may well ask, why me? I applied for the post, providing my eligibility, interests and skills. After a searching interview to identify my motives and background, I was placed on a short-list of candidates. That is when the hard work started. Having Penny di Cara, David Elkin, Paul Metcalfe and our own MP, Caroline Ansell, supporting me was invaluable. Many residents voted for me, for which I am very grateful. Just as importantly, I believe I have the skills and attitude to represent the whole ward.

After forty years in various Government Departments dealing with both tax collection as well as the distribution of benefits, I have some understanding of the difficult task faced by Eastbourne Borough Council. Getting the balance right between providing services, distributing grants funded by Central Government and, at the same time, receiving income from various sources requires a constant juggling act of priorities. Much like life, I suppose! This might give you the idea that I am keen to get started and to delve into the wider issues. However, I am in no doubt that our priority is to listen to the residents; while we cannot promise to do everything that everyone wants, we will explain "the why and the how" for everything we do.



What are the immediate plans? As we overcome the pandemic we have to build back a better neighbourhood which is safe and attracts visitors. It would be lovely to have a "buzz" around the harbour and we are looking forward to a strong summer season for our hospitality sector. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we will start surgeries and street meetings, and of course we are available on email or phone. Please use us: let us know of areas of concern to YOU!

As for the Harbour area in particular, I am keen to ensure that dog owners comply with the by-laws of keeping their dogs on leads and showing due consideration to others in the Harbour.

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Harbour Friends

Harbour Friends meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 at the Yacht Club.

For the uninitiated, Harbour Friends is a social group of Harbour Residents, of all ages, both singles 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 £15 per year this is a bargain.

For further information please visit the Harbour Friends website at: www.harbourfriends.co.uk

Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm for a buffet dinner in Seasons at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront. Visitors and any prospective new members are very welcome to join us.

For more information please visit the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour website.

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Please consider printing copies of *Waterlines* to hand to neighbours who may not use the Internet.

It might not be the most important thing in some peoples' minds, but it is one small step towards improving our beautiful Harbour environment.



Another issue is the area surrounding our new Sovereign Community Centre - the accumulation of old and new rubbish is horrendous - we have started by picking up the litter. OK, we shouldn't have to - but such is life. I have asked Council officials to help me identify why it has been left to deteriorate. Once I get some answers, I intend to ask residents to come up with some ideas. What we might be able to do will be limited within the framework of monetary and planning restrictions. But where there is a will, there will be a way.

My husband Iain and I settled in Eastbourne by sheer fluke, and we love it here. Let's work together with the well-being and prosperity of our Borough at heart.

Kshama Shore
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Cladding at Midway Quay

You may have noticed the recent activity around Midway Quay. The cladding is currently being removed and will be replaced with a new facade that will meet updated building standards.

The work on the blocks of flats will be carried out over the next two years. We hope the disruption to the general public will be minimal but it will involve erecting scaffolding along the walkways surrounding Midway Quay although, hopefully, they will still be open for people to walk along with care.

Our managing agents have worked extremely hard to get assistance from government in the form of funding from the pot of money set aside by the government to help with the cost of these works and we hope that by the summer of 2022 the buildings will not only look very good but, more importantly, will be safe, and that the huge insurance premiums will reduce to a more acceptable level.

Chairman of Midway Quay

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 their website for more information: www.shbha.co.uk

Sovereign Harbour Short Mat Bowls Club

As you would expect the Club has not been able to meet since the first Covid lockdown and any hope of resuming shortly has been dashed by the Community Centre hall being required by the NHS as a vaccination station.

We are, however, hoping to resume our Wednesday afternoon meetings as soon as the hall becomes available which may not be until January when we would welcome new members.

No previous experience is required as tuition will be given nor is any specialist equipment or dress necessary save for a pair of flat soled shoes.

If you are interested in joining us please contact the Secretary Anne Newson either by e-mail at newson17@live.co.uk or by phone on 01323 472259



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

The club has been active and open since the beginning of April and is bouncing back to life with a vengeance. We have held our most successful open day in recent memory with over 80 people visiting the club, many for a trial sail. There has been a sizeable number of new joiners, and our learn to sail and improver courses on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays have been well attended.



Sunday adult racing commenced at the beginning of April and our youth group commenced their Saturday training on the 8th of May. The galley is now open with food currently served outdoors on our balcony overlooking the harbour entrance.

We had a very successful 'Beach Weekender' event over the second May bank holiday with many members camping over the weekend, messing around in on- and off-the water fun activities, and in the evenings, sitting around the campfire enjoying a BBQ.

We are hosting a large National Championships for 120 14ft Olympic class Laser dinghies for three days at the beginning of July and are working with the other local dinghy clubs (Eastbourne, Bexhill and Hastings) to organise the racing and social activities.



Summer events planned include our week camping & sailing trip to Chichester Harbour at the end of July, where we trail 20 dinghies to the waters edge at Bosham and spend a week exploring the harbour reaches... and pubs. Also looming is our annual 'Sea Week' held mid-August when families camp on our field behind the clubhouse and join in a series of on and off the water events during the day. This includes cruising to Cooden for ice creams or to our friends at Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing club for lunch in sight of the pier.

We are a friendly, family orientated dinghy sailing windsurf and paddleboard club, 10 minutes walk along the beach from the east end of the harbour. General sailing, training at all levels and regular club racing and regular social events.

We welcome beginners and experienced sailors alike and we sail at the weekends and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the summer. Do come and have a look round the club at any time or contact the membership secretary, Duncan Tanner, at: membership@pbsc.org.uk
Website: www.pbsc.org

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.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Frances Harrap on: 01323-472649.
Website: www.shra.co.uk/wi/

Sovereign Harbour Social Club

The Sovereign Harbour Social Club meets every Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Simply Italian annex at The Waterfront for coffee. There are occasional outings for lunch, theatre, places of interest. All are welcome. For further details please contact Betty Saunders on 01323-479514. Website: www.shra.co.uk/shsc

Harbour Exercise Classes

We are having to use Conqueror hall, just across from the harbour on the Kingsmere estate - a few of the class members are car pooling and some are still able to walk to class.

The classes are as follows: all at Conqueror Hall, Kingsmere.

Mondays: 9.15-10.10am Pilates.
10.15-11.10am 50+ pilates & fitness.

Fridays: 9.15-10.10am Pilates.

Mari-Anne is fully insured with a MSc in exercise physiology, specialising in clinical exercise and exercising with cancer.

Contact: Mari-Anne Elder (fully qualified and insured).
Tel: 07748 678030.
Email:mariandy@btinternet.com

Dogs on Leads

The Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) that set out where in Eastbourne dogs must be kept on a lead were recently renewed for another three years. Dogs must be kept on a lead between 1 May to 30 September throughout the entire seafront, on the promenades from Holywell to Langney Point. However, dogs need not be on leads on the Western and Middle Parades, as long as no inconvenience is caused to anyone else.

At Sovereign Harbour dogs must be kept on a lead at all times in several designated areas. These areas are shown in green on the maps below.





Sovereign Harbour Art Group

The Sovereign Harbour Art Group meets in the Christ The King Church Hall, Princes Road on Thursdays 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 Phone Angela on 07914-884378 or visit the Art Group's web page at: www.shra.co.uk/artgroup/artgroup

Eastbourne Age Concern Walking for Wellness

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Every Thursday morning starting at 10.30am Walk length: 75 Minutes. Meet outside Seasons restaurant at 10.30am for a vigorous circular walk of up to 3 miles around the harbour, marina and shoreline. It does you good! There is some uneven ground. Ends back at cafe for refreshments. Visit website for further details.

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 send an email to: gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk

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Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions and requirements imposed by these orders is a summary offence under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Breach of a prohibition or requirement may result in a fixed penalty notice of up to £100 or prosecution that could include a fine of up to £1,000.



Sovereign Harbour Book and Writing Club

"I see books. I see coffee. I see a good day ahead." ANON

I've been a bit out of the loop with the group as I broke my wrist in April and couldn't meet up for a May coffee and chat. Lynne Chiswick has now joined the group and is already a published author, so she was able to share her writing story - do check out her books - my favourite being '*The Venetian Madonna*'. It will be great to have her input about how to become published.

The group met for their coffee in May in Princes Park (Perch Cafe) but I think we all prefer our usual haunt at '4 Seasons' at the Waterfront. I am suggesting to meet again on TUESDAY 8TH JUNE at 10.30 am. It would be good to hear about everyone's favourite read of lock-down - either a return to a favourite book or a new find.

Some ideas for future events as we are unable to meet at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre (doing vaccinations until Jan 2022) up to the autumn might be:

An author talk - local crime writer Sheila Bugler- includes Pevensey and Eastbourne in many of her books.

A trip to a bookshop or writer related home (ie Much Ado Books in Alfriston or Bateman's (Kipling's home in Burwash).

Ideas for an alternative venue for the autumn may also need to be discussed if the group grows and does wish to focus on more creative writing projects.

Ideas and new members always welcome.

For further information - contact Philipa Coughlan.
Mobile: 07519 143770 Email: pcoughlan@btinternet.com

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.

The Haven Players

The Amateur drama group based at the Memorial Hall, Dittons Road, Stone Cross. Members include Sovereign Harbour residents.

Visit their Website for details: www.havenplayers.com

Sovereign Harbour Facebook Group

An active group on Facebook with news, photos, information and other posts from Sovereign Harbour residents. www.facebook.com/SovereignHarbourCommunity

Sovereign Harbour flickr 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/sovereignharboureastbourne/

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club Events

Friday, 4th June

RICK BONNER ENTERTAINS

We are so looking forward to hosting our first 'live' music event after a very long fifteen months. Rick has performed in many venues in 2020 when we haven't been in lock-down and his vast repertoire allows him to entertain his audience accounting for the Rule of 6 with no dancing !!!
This promises to be a great evening.
Why not book a table and dine before the music starts at 8pm.
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Saturday, 12th June

BOAT JUMBLE!

A Boat Jumble is a good place to find winches, life jackets, fishing equipment, pumps, clothing etc.
Cheaper than E-bay and you might find items no longer in shops.
9am - 5pm
Tables free to Club Members/£10 for non-members
Please book your table as soon as possible as they are going quickly.
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Saturday, 12th June



8pm
Please book a table for up to 6 quizzers and also please bring your own paper and pens plus a little cash for the raffle. Thank you.
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These events are for SHYC members and their guests. Guests must be signed in by a member.

If you are new to the harbour or have had thoughts of joining the Yacht Club in the past, please do pay us a visit. We have much more to offer. There is no better place to wine and dine or have a drink on our balcony with unprecedented views of the North Harbour. Our staff will make you feel very welcome, and you don't have to own a boat!

So, make it your mission to come and have a drink with us in the very near future and see if we are a club you would enjoy being a part of.

Membership details can be obtained from Linda by email at membership@shyc.co.uk and more information on the Yacht Club can be found on our website https://shyc.co.uk/ We look forward to welcoming you.
Ros Saunders
Social Secretary

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

We welcome new members at any time. You don't need to own a boat. 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, or contact the membership secretary, Linda Hayler.

Tel: 01323 470888
membership@shyc.co.uk
Website: www.shyc.co.uk

The Eastbourne Historic Vehicle Club

The Eastbourne Historic Vehicle Club Ltd. dates from 1975 and resulted from the activities of a small group of transport enthusiasts.

It is a member-involved club, run for their enjoyment and benefit. Its aims are simple and straight-forward and its activities diverse within the preservation field.

The Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each Month at Langney Sports Centre. Details on our website: www.ehvc.biz

The Harbour W.I.

Another successful zoom meeting was held by the Harbour WI on 10th May with 24 members joining in. Susan Grinnall introduced the speaker Clive Nuttman who gave an illustrated talk about Madagascar entitled "Enchanted Isle."



Clive is a conservational biologist with a degree in tropical biology. He lived and worked in Madagascar. He explained with illustrations how it is the second largest island country in the world after Greenland and the fourth largest island in the world. At one time many millions of years ago it was attached to Africa and India. It is now 250 miles off the east coast of Africa and about 3,500 miles from India.

The island is 228.9 square miles of very mixed vegetation. The east side is tropical rain forests and is verdant and lush with plenty of rain. On the west are spiny forests of very unusual trees with huge trunks and hardly any foliage. In the middle are desserts and grasslands that get very little rain apart from in the wet season between November and February when the dry beds of the rivers become raging torrents.

The island's 23 million people are thought to be originally from Borneo, over 2,000 miles away! They have a similar language and may have travelled with the slave traders or pirates in the 15th century. It is not a poor country but has huge inequality. The main trade is in vanilla and prawns. It became a French colony in 1896 and French is the second language after Malagacy.

Ninety percent of the wildlife on Madagascar is found nowhere else on Earth and there are no natural grazing animals. Clive showed pictures of many of the native animals and insects – some very unusual! They are all under threat from the increasing population and cutting down of the forests. Rosewood trees grow there and are harvested illegally. They don't float, so 6 more trees are cut down to help float them down the river. Forests are also cleared for farming. The only trees left are Baobabs and they are no good for anything. The problem is the impact of man. 'The Serpent in Eden'

Tourism is beginning to take off as there are now direct flights from France and Italy. The landscape is amazing with stunning beaches and coral reefs but travelling around the island is still difficult and you could have to build your own bridges at times! but they have great mobile phone signals according to Clive!!

Susan thanked Clive for his very interesting and informative talk with lovely illustrations. Information on the Harbour WI can be found on our website at: www.shra.co.uk/wi

Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club



Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club is still thriving, unfortunately we are having to play online at the moment but hopefully will be meeting again in the lovely yacht club before too long and are aiming to start a new course of beginners lessons during 2021.

You can find all the latest information on the Bridge Club website: www.bridgewebs.com/sovereignharbour/

Save The DGH

Working since 2006 to fight the down-grading of core services at Eastbourne District General Hospital. Core services include:

- Consultant delivered obstetrics;
- Acute medical admissions 24/7;
- Urgent surgical admission 24/7;
- Accident and emergency 24/7;
- Acute psychiatric service 24/7;
- Paediatric ambulatory service

And, all in-house services essential for the function of the core services.

Web site: ww.savethedgh.org.uk

Discounts for SHRA Members



The local companies listed below have kindly agreed to offer a discount to SHRA members on production of a SHRA life membership card. We hope this encourages you to support these local businesses.

A usual discount is a 10% reduction. Terms and conditions may apply (e.g. may apply only to food or eating in and/or only on certain days). Please let us know of any difficulties.

• **Active Days Mobility Services**. Repairs and maintenance of mobility devices. 07591 178399 www.admobilityservices.co.uk/

• **AP-it**. Computer health-checks, upgrades, data backup. Tel: 01323 887894 www.ap-it.co.uk

• **Boatshed Brighton** - 10% off brokerage through Boatshed, Sussex' most highly rated yacht brokers. 079200 22540 timkingston@boatshed.com https://brighton.boatshed.com

• **CoCo Hair** - Hair and beauty salon. The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour: 01323 471147 www.cocohair.co.uk

• **Curry Leaf Restaurant.** On eating-in food costs. 8 Susans Road. Tel: 01323 727900 www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-curryleaf-bn21/

• **Harbour Grill.** Discount on food costs only. 01323 478151. www.gringos-eastbourne.co.uk/

• **Listening to You.** Discount on Counselling services. Strictest confidence. 07976 399 998 www.listening-to-you.co.uk

• **Pablo's Restaurant.** The Waterfront. On food costs only. Telephone: 01323 470400. www.pablos-eastbourne.co.uk

• **Pavilion Cinema & Theatre.** Hailsham Tel: 01323 841414 www.hailshampavilion.co.uk

• **Simply Italian Restaurant.** The Waterfront. Discount on food costs only. 01323 470911 www.simplyitalian.co.uk

• **Sea Training Sussex (STS**). On-line, shore-based and on-water powerboat and sailing courses. Discount on some training courses. Telephone: 07713 639066 www.seatrainingsussex.co.uk

Please note: Due to the lockdowns we have been unable to recently confirm the current discounts on offer at some establishments, so this list may not be 100% accurate.

www.shra.co.uk/join

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 the 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.eu Website: www.pbsc.org.uk

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

Residents of Sovereign Harbour Facebook Group

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

Cooking with Faz Razeen

Chicken Katsu – A Japanese Dish



Anyone who loves Japanese food knows that katsu curry is wickedly wonderful. What makes it stand out from other curries is that the chicken breast is breaded and fried before having a luxurious silky curry sauce poured all over it.

Ingredients - Serves 2

1 tablespoon Olive Oil
One small/medium Onion, peeled and finely sliced
2 cm piece Ginger (small/medium size) finely grated
2 Garlic cloves, crushed
2 teaspoons Madras Curry Paste or alternatively 2 teaspoons Curry powder

½ teaspoon Garam Masala
1 tablespoon Plain Flour

½ pint or 300 ml Chicken Stock (if using stock cubes - dissolve in hot water)
1 tablespoon Soy Sauce
2 teaspoons Clear Honey
2 skinless Chicken Breasts
50g Plain Flour - seasoned with salt & pepper
1 Egg - lightly beaten
75g Panko Breadcrumbs or alternatively roughly grated stale bread as breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons olive oil for frying

Preparation Method - Pre-heat oven 220C / 425F / Gas 7



<u>Katsu Sauce</u>
Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat, add the onion, ginger and garlic and sauté for three to four minutes until tender.

Add the curry paste or powder and stir, next add the flour and cook for one to two minutes.

Gradually whisk in the hot stock a little at a time, add the soya sauce and honey and simmer, stirring often, for about 10 minutes.

Finally stir in the rice vinegar and garam masala. Keep warm.

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Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK

The Sovereign Harbour Photoclub 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: shpcuk@outlook.com with your name and a daytime telephone number.

Royal Sovereign Bowls Club

Situated at the bowling greens in Princes Park, there is seating for non-bowlers and spectators around both of the greens.

Open daily from the end of April until end of September each year.

New members, whether new to the game or who have played previously, are welcome. Please visit our website for more details royalsovereignbowls.wordpress.com

Breaded Chicken Breasts

Place the chicken breasts on a chopping board and flatten with a meat hammer.

Next dip the flattened chicken breasts in flour, then egg, then breadcrumbs, making sure to shake off any excess in between.

Heat the oil in a large frying pan and fry chicken, turning occasionally, until it turns golden colour (3-4 minutes).

Transfer the chicken to a baking tray and cook in the oven until thoroughly cooked (approx. 10 minutes).

Remove chicken from the oven and carefully slice the chicken, pour the Katsu sauce evenly over chicken breasts.

Serve with any rice of your choice and a salad or vegetables of your choice. Enjoy the Katsu chicken.

The Great Storm of 1287

Harbour resident Bil Tucker writes… *Your readers may be interested, or perhaps terrified, by this description of the storm of 1287*

In February 1287 a storm hit the southern coast of England with such ferocity that whole areas of coastline were redrawn. Silting up and cliff collapses led to towns that had stood by the sea finding themselves landlocked, while others that had been inland found themselves with access to the sea.

In Hastings, the storm caused the cliff and with it half the Norman castle to fall into the sea, blocking off the harbour and ending the town's days as a port. What we now know as the old town took over as the port, but the protected inlet was totally destroyed. The old harbour is where the Shopping Centre in Hastings can be found.

Further along the coast, the port of Old Winchelsea, an island which was where the current Winchelsea Beach can be found was completely destroyed. It was later rebuilt several miles inland, where it became the first example of town planning in England being built on a grid system.

The most dramatic change wrought by the great storm was to the towns of Rye and New Romney. Before the storm, New Romney was a thriving harbour town with the River Rother flowing through it into the English Channel. The storm silted up the harbour completely and diverted the river away from the town to enter the sea at Rye about 15 miles away. More or less overnight New Romney became landlocked, a mile from the coast. So much silt was deposited by the flood that the land level in the town rose by 5 inches. The River Rother that had previously entered the sea at New Romney, changed course and now entered the sea at Rye, creating a brand new harbour.

The storm is one of two huge ones in England in 1287. The other was the one known in the Netherlands as St. Lucia's flood in December, the following winter.

Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited

The South Harbour water feature is owned, and managed by Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited (CPMCL), a company set up for the purpose by the original developer.

In 2015 the company was transferred from the developer to the collective control of the local covenanted property owners; at the same time the freehold of the feature was transferred to CPMCL. The costs of maintaining the water feature falls to 369 property owners in the local area.

As the weather improves and the summer holidays approach, it is timely to remind residents and visitors alike that the water feature is privately owned.

Visitors with dogs are politely asked to pick up after their pets and to use one of the three bins by the exits. Small children must be supervised.

The amenity is not for washing, swimming or paddling. Chemicals are automatically added to the water to reduce algae, and silt, sand and sunscreen oils can negatively affect the quality of the water and shorten the life of the filtration pumps.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the Water Feature, but please to do so respectfully.
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Eastbourne Festival of Accessible Sport

This summer, Defiant Sports and Eastbourne Access Group have organised the first ever Eastbourne Festival of Accessible Sport. It will be taking place in Princes Park on August Bank Holiday weekend. On Saturday 28th the festival will run 10am-5pm, and on Sunday 29th it will run 10am-4pm.

The aim of this festival is to celebrate all things inclusive sport, allowing the local community to discover sports they have never heard of, or accessible adaptations of sports they know and love.

So far, the festival is set to include adapted beach cycling with Wheels for All, inclusive basketball and tennis at Fisherman's Green, a range of displays in the sports arena, and disability swim and gym at the Sovereign Centre where carers go free.



In the sports arena there will be a range of displays that festival-goers can watch and partake in, and Defiant Sports mascot Dunk the Defiant Lion will be there to make sure everyone feels involved and has fun.

Alongside accessible sports, the festival will have live music, food trucks, a bar/drinks tent, picnic area, and much more! It will be a fun, inclusive, and FREE event for all of the family to attend. You can buy your free tickets through Online Ticket Seller, and each ticket includes entry into a raffle on the weekend.

Charities, support organisations and accessible sports organisations wishing to be part of this event should contact Defiant Sports on info@defiantsports.org.uk for more information and to book their free slot. Businesses and food vendors wanting to come along should also contact Defiant Sports to discuss slots and charges.

About Defiant Sports

Defiant Sports are a not-for-profit organisation based in Eastbourne, providing inclusive sport for all, regardless of ability or disability. Rather than tell their players what sports they can participate in, they instead ask "what would you like to do?", allowing their community to get involved in any sport that interests them. They currently run sessions in boccia, football, visually impaired tennis, fitness, youth groups, sensory crafts, and more.

Contact: Maddie Lock
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Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK

I think we all appreciate how difficult it is to run any social club during the Covid restrictions, but SHPC have done the best we can to keep going and maintain interest of our members during these difficult times.

Like many organisations we have opted to use the Zoom app conferencing facility and have held online meetings with members every Tuesday evening. Apart from the usual photographic related conversations (as you would expect) and the ability for participants to run a slide show of their topical photographs, we always have a great input of humour and banter to keep moral on a high.

Needless to say, as restrictions have eased and allowed us to venture out as a small group, we have taken the opportunity, to get together at various locations with our cameras.

We had a visit to West Langney Lake, with the intention of getting some animal and wildlife pictures and had the dilemma as to who had the nerve to get close to the buffalo for the best picture. (Thank goodness i took my 300mm zoom lens). (See photo).



We also venture to another local spot at Holywell retreat (beach) and walked for some distance below the cliffs navigating the breakwaters. A healthy outdoor walk if nothing else (see photos), but in fairness, we did get some good pictures too.

We have also recently been to Abbots Wood (Arlington) for another episode of healthy exercise and were lucky enough to coincide with the bluebells in all their glory. On all outings we have been extremely luck with fabulous dry sunny weather (one of the advantages of living in Eastbourne I'm sure).

That said, our latest excursion planned for Arlington reservoir had to be postponed due to high winds and rain. Even when we cant get out, we set a weekly challenge and I've included a couple of winning examples. One topic was 'rooftops', and another was 'sporting' (see photos).

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Our club excels at mutual support and advise within our group, we a re just a fun loving group of photography lovers. None of us are particularly competitive and we don't care what your equipment is (if a smart phone is your thing, then that's fine and we can help you get the best out of it). If you are interested in joining us, please e mail me at: shpcuk@outlook.com You can always check us out on our facebook site.
Happy snapping.

Bob Stanborough (secretary)

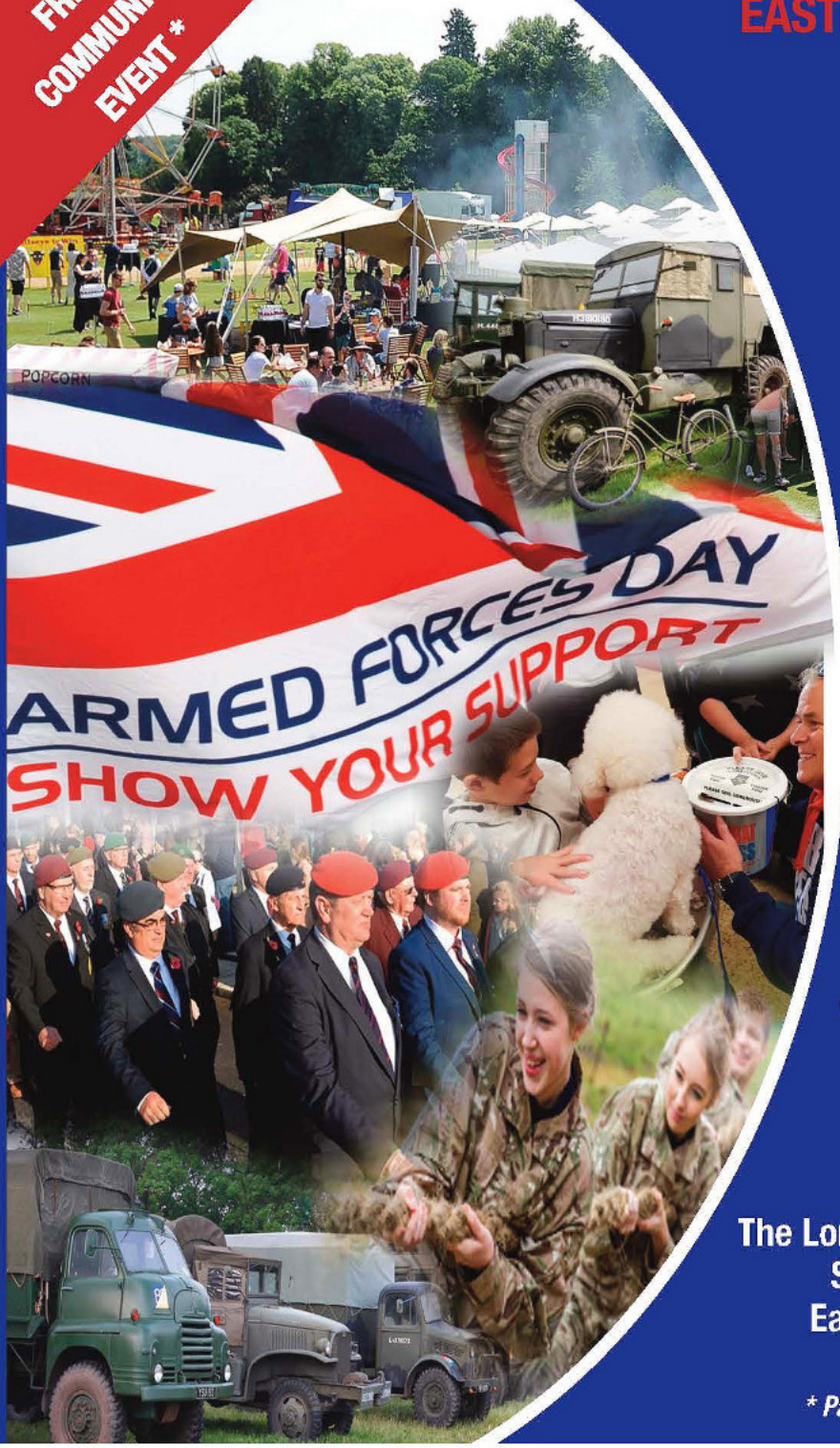








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