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Welcome to the February issue of *Waterlines*. We hope that you find items of interest.

The SHRA committee meets monthly at the Yacht Club to discuss the concerns and issues raised by members and we continue to contact various organisations about those matters on your behalf.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome, as are articles for publication in future editions; email: waterlines@shra.co.uk

Tony, the producer and editor of *Waterlines* wishes to retire, so we are looking for someone to take over its production.

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SHRA Chair's Report

2023 was a busy year with site 7A Aldi planning application taking up large amounts of time. Unfortunately, we were not successful in our opposition to the application, but my goodness we pursued every avenue open to us. Thanks are due to SHRA members and Sovereign Harbour residents who were able to supply substantial expertise during this process. As I write this, we have been trying to understand the issues with Site 1. We have now submitted our formal response which can be seen on the SHRA website: www.shra.co.uk/devsite1.html

This is my second month as Chair of SHRA, although I have served as a committee member for 2 years. We are moving forward with clear aims in mind and using more up to date forms of communication. It is my intention to include a report in future editions of Waterlines so that the residents of Sovereign Harbour can see some of what we do!

As with all voluntary organisations we need committee members who can offer their time. You don't need vast amounts of expertise, but we wouldn't say no to anyone who is conversant with Facebook and general IT skills. We meet once a month on Thursday mornings in the Yacht Club, although this time could be changed in order to attract working and younger members. If you think you can help us as a SHRA committee member then send an email to: info@shra.co.uk

Topics that we are looking at this year include:

1. Expanding the SHRA membership and maintaining up to date records on the membership database. If you have any issues accessing or updating your membership details let us know by emailing us at: membership@shra.co.uk
2. The Committee are currently looking at speeding issues. We have been told that electronic signs will be installed by Eastbourne Borough Council as soon as the latest versions are available. Volunteers have started their training with speed guns.
3. Launching a SHRA Facebook page (already up and available).
4. Supporting local people and organisations, providing information where possible to residents.
5. Developing closer interaction with local police, other organisations and answering the many queries we receive.
6. Regular meetings with other organisations such as Premier Marinas, our Borough and County local Councillors, Caroline Ansell MP etc.
7. Continuing to refurbish the information boards around the harbour. We have already constructed a new seal information board, the SS Barn Hill board is almost complete and the bird board is next.
8. The Greening Project will go ahead as soon as we determine who owns which area, find funding, and future maintenance of the areas.
9. Understanding the various legal issues affecting harbour life.
10. Continue to produce our online newsletter *Waterlines*.
11. Dog fouling.

Please Note that all the club info below should be confirmed before attending any meeting or event.

Harbour Friends

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 £17.50 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/

Note that when reading *Waterlines* online in a web browser, **links** from this PDF may not open in a new browser window or tab. Try holding down the [Ctrl] key as you click the link. Hovering over the link and pressing down on your mouse wheel may also work. Or, from a followed link press the "back" button of your browser to return to *Waterlines;* or download the PDF to your device.

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

These are just some of the items under discussion so you can see that we have a full agenda, and this does not take account of what may arise as the year progresses.

We would be delighted if residents would submit articles for *Waterlines*. Writing about places you have visited, local or on holiday to give inspiration (or warnings) for others! Maybe you have a hobby you could tell us about or something you have achieved. Perhaps we could have book corner where you tell us about a favourites book you have read. If it is successful, we could think about having a used bookshelf somewhere. We would love to hear about different things because it is a community magazine.

On Page 12 of this issue we have an interesting piece about the management of Silver Wharf and we would be pleased to hear from other Sovereign Harbour developments on how they are managed.

Another area we really need your help on is regarding people who live on their boats (live-aboards). It is an area causing concern to a number of residents. In fairness to Premier Marinas, when we presented them with evidence of one incident they immediately did something about it. We understand that other situations are occurring that may be raising concerns; I cannot emphasise strongly enough that we need **evidence**. So, what you need to do is to take photographs, make a log of what is happening and when and where and send it to: chair@shra.co.uk so that I can co-ordinate submissions and take them to Premier Marinas.

If you aren't a member of SHRA and would like to join just drop an email to membership@shra.co.uk or visit our website (www.shra.co.uk/join.html) or follow the links in Waterlines.

Sovereign Harbour is a great place to live, summer is not far away let's help each other as much as we can and enjoy life.

Frances Lawrence
Chair, SHRA

Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne Coastal Management Scheme

Last week Andy, Nick and Alex from the project team had an extremely useful visit to the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton.



They discussed potential new ideas and methods for coastal surveying and monitoring, which was an exciting first step in exploring innovations for the scheme.

For further info and updates on the Coastal Management Scheme visit the website at: www.pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk/

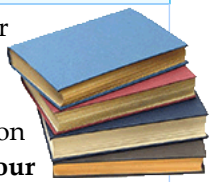
Maritime Volunteer Service

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.

Sovereign Harbour Book and Creative Writing Group



The Sovereign Harbour Book and Creative Writing Group will be meeting in the Reception Area, **Sovereign Harbour Community Centre at 2pm on Thursday, 8 February**

The following month's meeting of the group will be at 2pm, Thursday 14 March again in the Community Centre.
For info please contact:
Alan Turner. Tel: 01323 760208.
alanturner38@btinternet.com

B&M Signage Update



EBC Planning Committee met last Monday evening (29 January) to decide upon the retrospective planning application from B&M for the illuminated signage on the new store at the Crumbles Retail Park.

After excellent representations from local resident Martin Bender and ward councillor, Penny di Cara, the planning committee decided to request that B&M take down the sign on the rear of the building before approval is given.

This should mean that B&M's signage will fall into line with all the other retailers in the park. There will be one large illuminated sign at the front of the store and the side and rear signs will be removed.

Big thanks everyone who objected to the illuminated signage.

You can view a video of the Planning Committee's meeting here: https://democracy.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=144&MId=3848&Ver=4

Site 1 Planning Application

In late December, the company Untold Living submitted a planning application to EBC proposing a retirement community development on Site 1 (close to the South Harbour's Martello Tower), with 5, 6 and 7 storey apartment blocks containing a total of 139 flats.

The 7 storey block will rise to a height of more than 30 meters, some 4 metres over the current buildings on Martinique Way - see image below. The king might call it a carbuncle!





SHRA have written to EBC planning officials to raise concerns about the proposed development. A copy of our letter to EBC can be found on the Site 1 page of our website. We have also written to our ward councillors. Over 200 objections have been registered with EBC. Last week the land to be developed was fenced off cutting access to some of the footpaths across the area.

The closing date for comments to EBC's planning department is now shown as 10 February 2024 (originally 25 January). Comments can be submitted on-line here: www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/article/2087/

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

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/

Arrival of Our New (secondhand) Lifeboat

Eastbourne's new All Weather lifeboat 14-02 *Esme Anderson* will be arriving into Sovereign Harbour on **Saturday 10th of February**. The *Esme Anderson* replaces the 16.3m Tamar Class *Diamond Jubilee* (16-23) lifeboat that served Eastbourne for the past ten years.

The *Esme Anderson* is a 14.3m Trent class lifeboat. Production of the Trent's started in 1993. She is designed to lie afloat. Some of the features of the Trent class are her substantial bulge keels which allows her to take the ground without sustaining damage to her propellers and a sheerline deck which sweeps down to make it easier when recovering survivors

The *Esme Anderson* (14-02) has been stationed at Ramsgate since 1994. She was handed over to the RNLI on the 25th October 1994 by the son of the donor, the late Esme Anderson. She is the second boat on the south coast to carry this name, the first being the Newhaven lifeboat which was named after Mrs Oldham's stepfather Keith Anderson.

Some of Eastbourne's volunteer crew will be travelling to Ramsgate where she is currently under the care of RNLI mechanics who are undertaking planned refits and upgrades.

On Saturday 10th February there will be a handover between the two crews before our crew transit *Esme Anderson* back to Sovereign Harbour where they'll be met by our Inshore lifeboat 'David H' and, operations permitting, lifeboats from our flank stations Hastings and Newhaven before entering the locks as the Eastbourne Lifeboat for the first time at **around 3pm**.



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

Sovereign Harbour Short Mat Bowls Club

If you would like to join our very friendly and social club on a Thursday afternoon at the Community Centre we would be pleased to welcome you, whether you are an established player or a new player.

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

Liz M Fitness Classes at the Community Centre

For those over 50. Liz M Fitness Classes at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre improve your mobility, balance, co-ordination strength and fitness with a fully qualified personal trainer. Fun & friendly classes.

Tuesday 10am - Intermediate class, bring a mat.

Tuesday 11.10am - Beginners gentle chair-based open to all.

Wednesday 2pm - Seated and standing mixed class.

All abilities welcome. Classes are £5 per session.

Contact me for more details and to book: 07739 670905. Find me on Facebook - lizmfitness



RNLI Lifeboat 14-02 Esme Anderson



The 'Diamond Jubilee' arrives at Ramsgate in November last year escorted by the 'Esme Anderson'.

Eastbourne RNLI is Recruiting



Harbour Exercise Classes

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

Currently, classes are held virtually on Fridays: 9.15-10.10am Pilates.

Contact: Mari-Anne Elder
Tel: 07748 678030. Email:
mariandy@btinternet.com

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

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

Streetfunk Dance Classes

Time to get the kids having fun learning dance moves and routines that will truly impress you! Streetfunk Dance Classes are now available **every Wednesday from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre**.

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6:30pm-7:30pm class for kids 13 years and above.

Streetfunk is a multi-award-award winning Streetdance school providing dance classes to children ranging from 4 years to 18 years across Sussex. It was founded by JP Omari a multi-award winning Hip Hop dancer, teacher, coach and choreographer who has worked hard and extensively to become the leading Hip Hop dance figure in Brighton & Hove. Streetfunk currently has classes in Brighton, Hove, Shoreham, Lancing, Littlehampton and Eastbourne. 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 Website: www.streetfunk.co.uk



Ward Councillor Surgeries

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.

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/

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.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

Cooking with Faz Razeen

Italian Chicken with Red Pepper and Olives

This is a simple Italian recipe. The chicken thighs are first fried until the skin is crispy then they're gently simmered in tomato, garlic, onions and red peppers. The chicken becomes super flavourful and tender.

It can be served with any choice of food such as pasta, rice or vegetables.



Ingredients

1 lb Chicken thighs

Freshly ground black pepper and salt

400g Chopped tomatoes tin (Napolina brand)



2 Tablespoons olive oil

Handful of Green olives

½ Onion sliced

1 Red pepper sliced

1 Lemon sliced

3 Cloves garlic (minced)

10 Fresh Italian basil leaves

1 Teaspoon brown sugar

1 Basil leaves and sliced lemon for garnishing

Instructions

Trim the excess fat from the chicken thighs. Season with salt and black pepper on both sides of the chicken.

Heat up the pan on high heat. When heated, place the chicken thighs, skin-side down, first. Brown both sides of the chicken. Remove the chicken from the pan, save the juice that seeps out from the chicken.

Turn the heat to medium and add the olive oil to the pan. Sauté the onion and garlic, for a couple of minutes, or until the diced onion becomes soft. Add the tin of chopped tomatoes, basil and sliced red pepper, stirring to combine well.

Transfer the chicken and the juice into the pan, cover the pan with a lid and simmer on low heat for about 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken becomes tender. Then add the brown sugar and green olives and stir to combine well.

Garnish with sliced lemon and basil and serve immediately.

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

Residents of Sovereign Harbour Facebook Group

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 Community Facebook Group

An active group on Facebook with news, events & commercial information from Sovereign Harbour residents. www.facebook.com/SovereignHarbourCommunity

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

Harbour WI Meeting Report

62 members and one visitor were welcomed to the Harbour WI's January Meeting.

Diana Groot Copp introduced Andy Dinsdale to give an illustrated talk about Beachcombing and Messages in Bottles. Andy has lived on the coast for about 20 years and since 2005 has been involved with a company called 'Strandliners'. They do surveys and record their finds for scientific and forensic research. This can help with pollution, conservation and wildlife.



A 'strandline' is the line of debris and vegetation left on beaches with the rise and fall of the tide. Beachcombers pick through these lines to discover all sorts of interesting items and then research where they may have come from and how they got there!

Andy's passion is to find a Sea Bean. These have been known to float for up to 30 years before being washed up on British beaches. Christopher Columbus found one on his Voyage of Discovery 300 years ago! Most finds are from containers that have been washed overboard - including 62,000 Nike trainers and 28,800 yellow plastic ducks!!

The destinations of all these objects have helped produce predictive software to establish where and when things will wash up. Norsemen were casting Drift Casks overboard in the 10th Century to see where to settle. In the 1950s, Guinness used this for marketing by throwing 50,000 sealed bottles into the sea and offering prizes to finders. Andy had a table displaying many unusual items he had found over the years - including a Sea Bean!

After tea members voted on the resolution put forward by the National Federation. Four committee members outlined the suggestions. It was unanimously voted to 'Say NO to Gambling Advertising'; Jackie Stevens then asked members to sign up for an outing to Amberly living museum in June and Bev Roberts asked members to put their names down for 6 bursaries on offer!

The pantomime Beauty and the Beast at the Devonshire Park Theatre on January 10th was much enjoyed by about 20 members. Committee member Nicky Clifford who took over running the monthly Lunch Club organised a very successful lunch at the Beachy Head Hotel on 17th January. The Crafty Ladies are at Sandie Goman's house on the 22nd January and the Fourth Tuesday Club will meet on 23rd January.

The next meeting is on Monday February 12th at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. The speaker will be Jackie Marsh-Hobbs sharing her Passion for Piers.

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

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

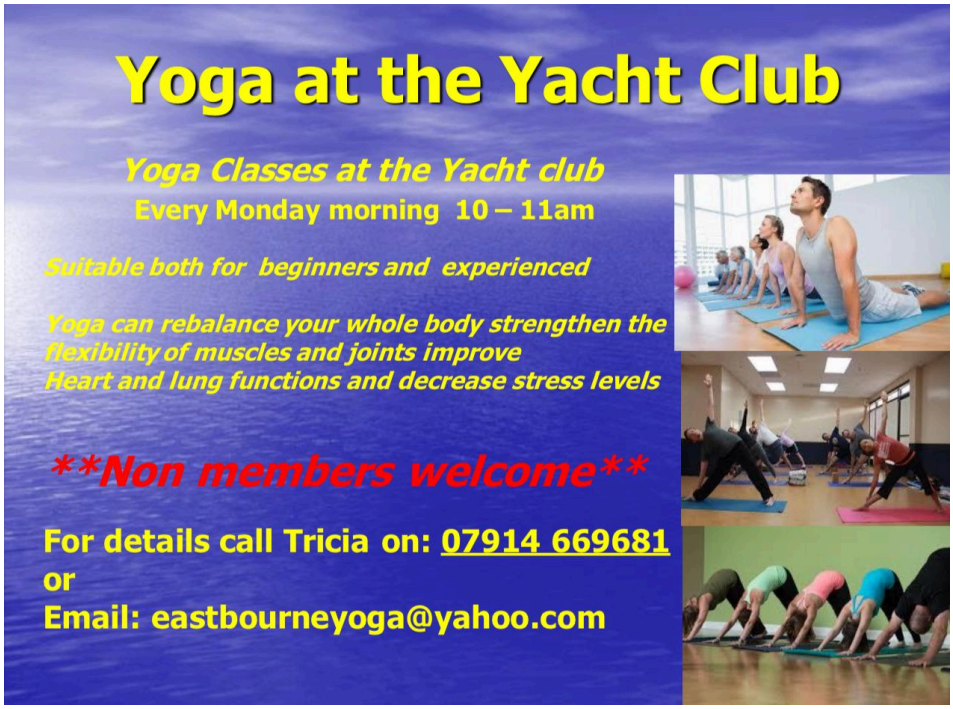
The Garden Bar Golf Society

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

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 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.

Langney Sports Indoor Bowls Club

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 in Priory Road, Eastbourne.

Both experienced and novice bowlers are welcome to come along by prior arrangement, to see what is on offer and to have a go before committing to any membership.

The bowls rinks are open from 9.30am right through to 10pm every day throughout the year, so this is a great way to get exercise and meet some new friends.

Annual membership is £90 per member, with members then paying just £2 per 2 hour session of play. Members of the bowls club are entitled to use the bars and clubrooms of the adjacent football club, with discounted bar prices.

Please do get in touch direct with me, David Hawkins, for further information via my business email of: sovtechnical@gmail.com

Discounts for SHRA Members

The local companies listed below have kindly agreed to offer a discount to SHRA members on production of a valid SHRA annual membership card. Please support these local businesses.



Discounts are offered at the discretion of the proprietors. A typical 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 or for a limited number of persons).

• **Active Days Mobility Services** - Repairs and maintenance of mobility devices such as scooters, powerchairs, wheelchairs, hoists, riser recliner chairs, pressure care equipment and profiling beds. 01424 532620 www.activedaysmobility.co.uk

• **AP Exclusiv Events** - organise tribute events, home and leisure events, wedding and Christmas fayres and conferences and offer a discount and no booking fee for members of SHRA purchasing tickets online for their events. For information visit their website at https://www.apexclusivevents.co.uk

• **AP-it**. Computer health-checks, repairs, 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. 16, The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, BN23 5UZ. Also require proof of 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.** Discount on Counselling services. Strictest confidence. 07976 399 998 www.listening-to-you.co.uk

• **Marina Turkish Resturant & Lounge** - 12, The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, BN23 5UZ. 10% discount on food. Get ready to indulge in the finest expression of Turkish dining and Anatolian flavours to be found this side of the Mediterranean. Not on other offers or set meals. Tel: 01323 470009 www.marinarestaurantlounge.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 with Michael 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

• **Simply Italian Restaurant** - The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, BN21 3HA. 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

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

Silver Wharf Insight



An insight to how the North Harbour's Silver Wharf Community is managed.

Silver Wharf is a gated, private development of 2 apartment blocks and 58 privately owned houses. To enable administration and management of the shared use areas in Silver Wharf and the common areas in the apartment buildings two separate companies were established.

Silver Wharf's owners (the freeholders and leaseholders within the Estate) have appointed Eastbourne Lettings to run the administration of the Estate. Eastbourne Lettings are accountable to the Silver Wharf directors on a day to day basis. They collect the estate service charges, pay maintenance costs to suppliers and provide advice to the directors on the management of the Estate.

Silver Wharf Estate Limited (SWEL)

SWEL, with the backing of the Estate Management Company (Eastbourne Lettings), was set up to take care of and maintain the Silver Wharf external shared use areas – roads, paths, gardens, lawns, the small folly building, lampposts, lights, bollards, entrance gates etc. Essentially all areas of land and equipment on site other than that belonging to private householders and apartment buildings.

Service charges are levied annually in September based upon a budget prepared by SWEL directors. Both the budget and annual accounts are circulated to all shareholders.

Every property owner on Silver Wharf is a shareholder of SWEL and each property has a single vote to elect a board of company directors at the AGM. Directors have the responsibility for ensuring that the estate is managed and maintained to a consistently high standard and as cost effectively as possible.

There are currently 5 directors, each has a responsibility, finance, management of roads and pavements, trees and lawns, street lighting, contracts etc. The board meets with Eastbourne Lettings every 6-8 weeks.

SWEL directors deal personally, and work closely with, all contractors asked to quote for works required on the estate. From getting quotations to confirming acceptable completion of the work with Eastbourne Lettings who then pay the contractors invoice.

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We recently worked very closely with City Fibre for the provision of fibre to all properties on the Estate, this enabled us to have complete installation without any roads or pavements having to be dug up. Even the two small "green" boxes provided have been sited out of view rather than on the edge of pavements which does happen in most installations.

All of our street lighting fittings and bulbs have been replaced with LCD's as part of our plan to reduce our use of electricity and also reduce our bills. This change has enabled us to achieve a saving of around 40% on our electricity consumption, thus saving us hundreds of pounds per year.

Silver Wharf Management Ltd (SWML)

SWML along with Eastbourne Lettings manage all aspects of maintenance for the two blocks of apartments in Silver Wharf.

Keeping Shareholders Informed

The directors meet regularly and the minutes of these meetings are sent to Shareholders along with any appropriate news on works which have been carried out or will be carried out in the near future. Shareholders are also kept up to date on any medium or long term projects.

An AGM and Shareholder meeting takes place each Spring. This enables all shareholders to meet directors, ask any questions they may have and discuss future projects etc. All directors are available throughout the year to discuss face to face any subject with shareholders, they don't have to wait until the AGM.

Silver Wharf Social Committee (SWSC)

The Social Committee was originally set up in 2022, by 3 or 4 residents, to organise a Jubilee Party. They have since arranged several events including a very successful summer barbeque, Christmas lunches and carol services on site.

The committee has grown and now has 9 very proactive members. They plan to arrange at least 3 events per year and are actively working on those plans for the coming year, any new ideas are always welcome. Let's hope they include another barbeque as this was so enjoyable and successful in 2023.

The committee has certainly helped improve the "community" spirit in Silver Wharf.

SWEL directors



We would be pleased to hear from other Sovereign Harbour developments on how they are managed *Editor*.

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

What a busy December we had!

We had our annual Children's Christmas party with Ben Bamboozle's magic and Punch and Judy show. And of course Santa arrived by boat across the harbour to give a gift to all the children.











Our Christmas Craft Fayre was again a great success. Next year's date for your diary is Sunday 1st December.

We had an amazing Christmas lunch in our Royal Sovereign Suite. A huge "thank you!" needs to go to our catering and bar teams who were, as always, fantastic.






We have also had a great variety of live music events over the last couple of months. Andy T. King once again entertained us with his Elvis tribute night, Helen Ward-Jackson, The Princess and the Peas and Justine Clarke. We ended the year with a great New Year's Eve party with DJ Jonathan. We can now look forward to The Big Blue and a Karaoke Night in February and Annika Rands in March.

Our racers continue to be busy out on the water. Each Sunday we see an increasing number of racers in the bar at lunchtime, celebrating their successes. The winning boat and runner up each week is presented with a bottle of 'bubbly' by our Rear Commodore Racing, Dickie Bird.



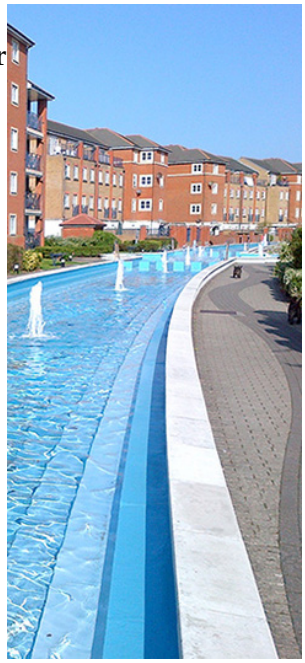




We have now (temporarily) reached our limit on taking on new social members. We are still accepting FULL members who are required to be boat owners or involved in water sports in the harbour. We have a waiting list for social members and an application form can be picked up from behind the bar and you will be notified when a space becomes available.

In the meantime, Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club would like to wish all Sovereign Harbour residents a very happy and healthy 2024.
Ros Saunders
Communications Officer

South Harbour Water Feature



Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited (www.cpmcl.co.uk) manages the anchor shaped Water Feature in the South Harbour. The Water Feature is owned and paid for by the 369 properties in the Columbus Point development.

Major works 2024
Because of the necessity of essential and urgent engineering works which can only be done when there is no water in the structure, it has been decided to drain one leg (starting with Leg 3) and to carry out some tests to the resin coating to check its condition. This work will start at the beginning of March and the whole project will probably take 3 months (3-4 weeks per leg). During this work, the fountains and jets are expected to be switched off.

In the next few weeks the water purification medium we use will be changing to chlorine. The amount of chlorine used will not hurt children or wild-life, nor damage the coating or the lights and is not expected to have a noticeable smell or require any more caution than the bromine used previously. It is important to state that during the changeover, and possibly for some months, some discolouration of the water is to be expected but this will not affect the quality of the water. If or when discolouration happens, the contractors will be able to clear it quickly.

Harbour Friends

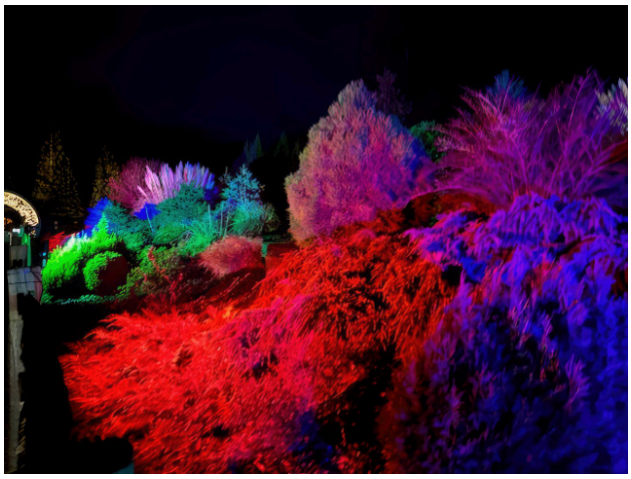
Harbour Friends is a very friendly group which meets in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht club once a week for the simple purpose of just that – making friends with other people living in the Harbour area of Eastbourne.

There is a committee of dedicated volunteers who organise social events and trips for the members, and we meet every Wednesday evening between 7.30pm and 10.30pm.

Below are a few pictures from recent events. I have to say these events are particularly welcome in wintertime when the joys of the harbour and beach can look less inviting because of the weather out there. Thankfully the next time I sit down to write this piece spring will be well and truly springing.

With thanks to the committee and organisers, these are some of the December-January events that took place:

The previous year was so good that on 30th November the friends made a second visit to the **Bedgebury Pinetum.** And here is a tiny flavour of the magical displays:





9th December brought us the annual Harbour Friends **Christmas party, dinner and dance** at the Hydro Hotel. It was - as always - a very happy and full evening, and kicked off the Christmas season for those of us who couldn't make it to the Pinetum. I don't know how these three ladies found such a quiet corner in a very busy Garden Room full of the Harbour Friends but I was struck by the fact that they had all chosen to be Glamorous in Black:



13th December and it was time for the **Christmas Quingo** a cross between Quiz and Bingo brought to us in style by Dave Hawkins. Well done everyone, some of the winners are pictured below:





On 14th December we all piled into the Harbour Nights Cocktail Bar for a roast turkey **Christmas lunch**. As you can see, we had a very jolly time. Many thanks to Wendy who organised this independently, it was a great success.





Further happenings are already being planned for 2024, so keep an eye out for those in future editions of the Waterlines magazine.

If you think you might like to join us, do have a look at our website: www.harbourfriends.co.uk where you will find an Events Page and also the Contact Us page

New members are made very welcome, but please note that membership is currently restricted to those who live in the BN23 5 postcode.

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Defiant Sports - Petition and Crowdfunder

You may have read the recent news [see Sussex Express article] that Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) have decided to no longer give us the old Fort Fun site after we had done a year's worth of work on clearing and preparing it. Furthermore, we are currently 12 months out of lease on our current venue, meaning we could be asked to leave at any moment.

The petition is titled 'EBC must give Defiant Sports compensation, an alternative site and hold a public meeting re Fort Fun' and is to support us. We would appreciate as many signatures as we can get on it.

Here is the link to the petition on the 38 Degrees website: https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/ebc-must-give-defiant-sports-compensation-an-alternative-site-and-hold-a-public-meeting-re-fort-fun

Please sign and demand the council:

- Compensate Defiant Sports for all the work they have done on the site over the last 12 months (estimated at £75k)
- Find them suitable alternative accommodation as a matter of urgency so they can restore some of their programme and support the disabled and disadvantaged in our community.
- Request the council hold a public meeting with all the relevant councillors and officers there so we, the people of Eastbourne, can get some transparency over what the council's rationale was, what their intentions are, what it is that the Eden Project might have in mind, and open details over the results of the Eden Project feasibility study on which the council have spent £150k.

The Crowdfunder 'Save Defiant Sports' is to raise money for us in response to the news stated above. With funding being incredibly difficult to come by recently, we have had to drastically lower our provision, and with the costs of working on the Fort Fun site on top of that, it has put us in a tricky situation.

Our goal is to raise £15,000 to help us keep doing what we do. There is a stretch goal if the first is met to help fund a permanent home for Defiant Sports to ensure we are safe.

Here is the link to the Crowdfunder: https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/savedefiantsports

Thnak you for your support.
Defiant Sports
https://defiantsports.org.uk



Fort Fun site. *Photo: Sussex News and Pictures*

Sovereign Harbour Photo Club

Happy New Year to one and all!

We finished 2023 on a high, with the Yacht club donating a trophy for "photographer of the Year". It was presented at the 'Laying Up Supper', on 25th November to the winner, Izabela Ricket, by the yacht club commodore, Dave Jarvis. Several photo club members attended the splendid 'black tie' event in the evening. The winner was decided based on the number of winning pictures of our monthly competition. With a potential of 24 points, Izabela won 10. Very well deserved as she seems to excel with her pictures of Sovereign Harbour, which you may have seen posted on our club Facebook site during the year.

December monthly winners are shown below: Roger Kiernan's Red Shank and Izabela's Harbour Sky.





Below are a couple of pictures from the 'laying up supper' evening presentation.



(Dave Jarvis, SHYC Commodore and Izabela Ricket)



We subsequently decided to turn our final meeting of 2023 into a social evening and with everyone contributing to a food buffet, we had a great evening drinking and chatting. I got a wonderful surprise, when i was presented with a crystal whisky glass and a bottle of bourbon to fill it, from my friends and club members. It was totally unexpected and was very humbled by the kind gesture. Thank you so much everyone ! Below is a shot of our evening social.



We started our 2024 year on 9th January back at the yacht club with our usual review of weekly topic pictures, which for January are, 'Long Exposure', 'Bird Photography', 'Bad Weather' and 'Food'.

I usually try to give a tutorial in advance, so that members get some idea of how to approach to subject. As I repeatedly say, "composition is the number one priority of photography". It's the difference between 'snaps' and taking your time to compose your shot.

We also continue with our monthly competition, which can be of any subject, but must have been taken in the current month.

There is a regular weekly video tutorial, based on any relevant photography aspect, with associated Q & A sessions.

This year I have also introduced a weekly posting on Facebook and e mail, with tips and assignments for mobile phone users, of which we have many within our club and which I hope will help everyone get the very best from there phones.

This is often associated to various downloadable Apps, which help overcome the limitations of phone settings.

Whilst phones are a very popular media these days and the picture quality is outstanding, they are limited in their adjustments and we aim to help overcome that problem.

We are extremely pleased to say that this year has seen several new members join us on a Tuesday evening and we welcome them wholeheartedly.

If you are already a member of Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, you can join the photo club at no extra cost as we are an integral part of the many social options the yacht club offers its members.

Please do come along and meet our friendly and enthusiastic group of photography fans at 7pm any Tuesday evening in the chart room off the main 2nd floor bar area.

You can contact me at any time by e mail at shpcuk@outlook.com to find out more.

We look forward to seeing you there

Bob Stanborough
Secretary
Sovereign Harbour Photo Club UK

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We have so many gorgeous stalls, from cakes, to blind date with a book and bookish items, to handmade gifts, to amazing jewellery!

Come along and grab yourself a true bargain or a one off special gift, and meet the stallholders. You'll have a great time. Teas and coffees available.

Sovereign Harbour Community Centre

Now OPEN!
Available for hire



Sovereign Harbour Community Centre is a purpose built facility, providing multiple rooms for hire for meetings, conferences, social events or weekly clubs.

Set near the Sovereign Harbour area of Eastbourne, Sovereign Harbour community Centre is near to retail outlets, free parking areas, main bus routes and accessible by road access. The community centre is open for one off and regular group bookings and is perfect for all occasions. Available for hire to clubs, groups, meetings, and events. The space can also be hired for birthday parties, baby showers, and other special events.

Our Main Hall is perfect for parties and large events, with access to outside area suitable for BBQ's or play.



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Challenges 2024

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~~BEACHY HEAD MARATHON WEEKEND~~

~~***Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October 2023***~~

~~There's something for every runner over the course of~~ this weekend; one of the biggest off-road marathons in the UK, the new 52.6km Ultra event, a challenging half marathon and a scenic 10km loop. Something to aim for this autumn or next?

EASTBOURNE HALF MARATHON

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Now in its 19th year, the Eastbourne Half Marathon is an established part of the local running calendar. Ideal for a first half marathon challenge or perfect for searching for a personal best time; this is a half marathon suitable for all.

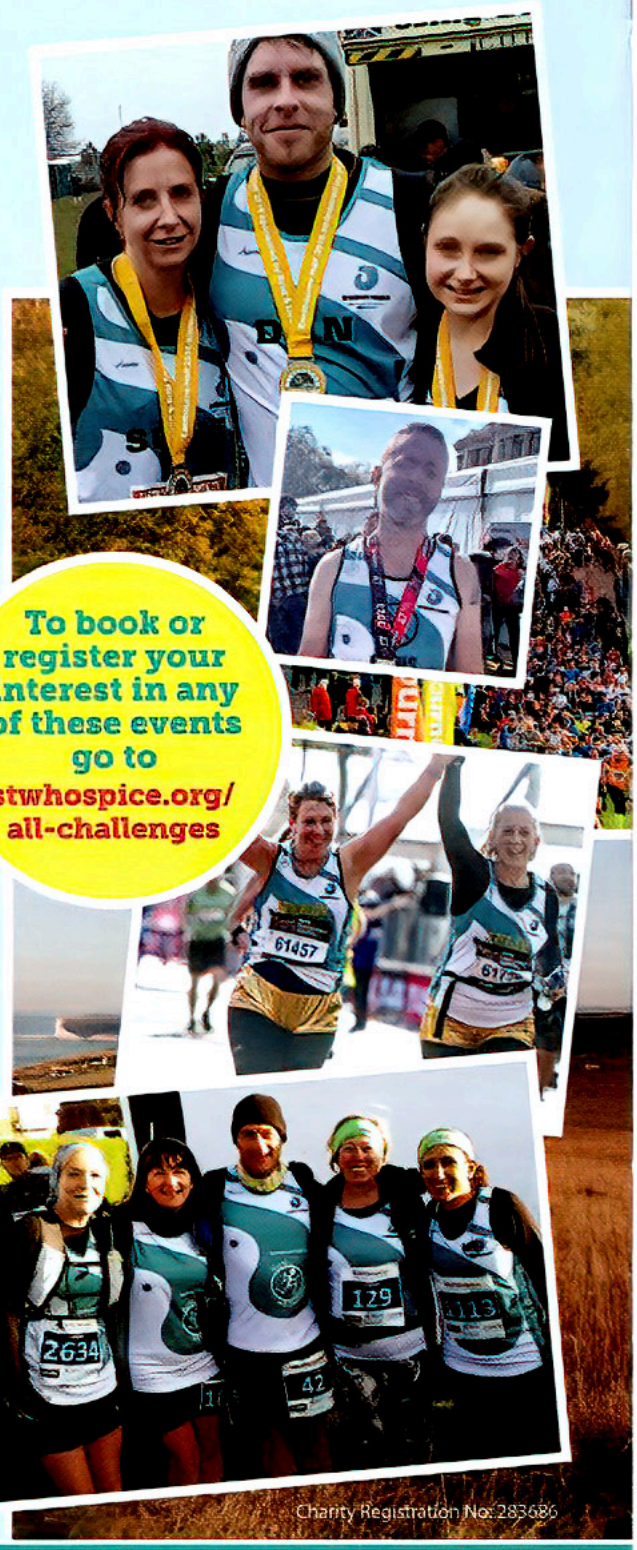
LONDON MARATHON

Sunday 21st April 2024

It's the ultimate marathon experience! Applications for our charity places are now closed, but if you were a lucky one who got a place in the ballot, we'd love you to run for us! If you choose to be part of Team Wilf, you'll receive dedicated fundraising support, a branded running vest and an on the day Cheer Squad.

ULTRA CHALLENGES 2023/24

Whether you are a walker and new to endurance events, or a marathon runner looking to up the distance; whatever your likely pace, experience level, or age, there are 14 fantastic events in the Ultra Challenge Series to choose from, each with its own character and each a real challenge. Whether it's setting out in stunning coastal scenery, along a historic towpath, or along trails in England's wonderful countryside – your challenge will test you on an unforgettable journey.



To book or register your interest in any of these events go to stwhospice.org/all-challenges

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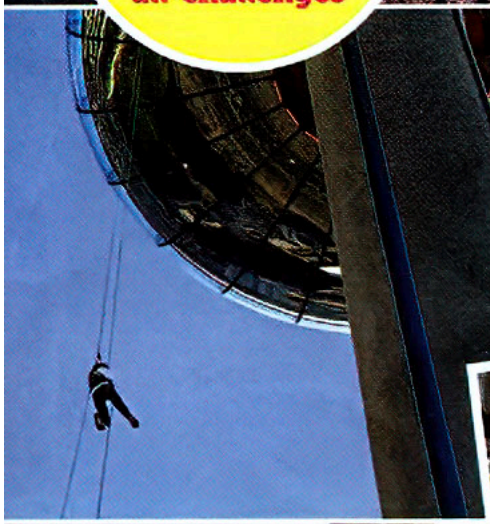
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18th - 22nd September 2024

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Make this a journey to remember!

THRILLSEEKER CHALLENGES

Calling all daredevils, thrillseekers and adrenaline enthusiasts; put your nerves to the test to raise funds for hospice care.

Whether it's skydiving, bungee jumping, wing walking or abseiling, there's a thrilling challenge, with your name on it.

Whichever challenge you decide to take on, you are sure to have an adrenalin-filled experience which will help raise vital hospice funds and enable us to support more people living with a life-limiting illness.

What are you waiting for?

SET YOUR OWN CHALLENGE

If you have your own idea about a challenge you want to take on; whether it's one which is organised by a challenge company or one that is entirely your own, then we would love to hear about it. Get in touch to let us know and we'll welcome you to Team Wilf and give you all the support and encouragement you need to achieve your goal.

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