



Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Annual General Meeting

on Tuesday 9th May,

at the Haven School, Atlantic Drive.

Starting at 7:30pm, doors open at 7:00pm.

Members of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association are invited to the Annual General Meeting on 9th May 2006. Please be sure to bring your white, 2006/7 membership card; only current members will be admitted.

Memberships may be renewed at the door, and new members may join on the night but, in order to ensure the smooth running of the meeting, and to avoid any delay in starting, it would be very helpful if existing, and potential members could renew or join before the meeting, using the form on the back page of this newsletter.

At this meeting, as required by the constitution, the current twelve committee members will stand down, and submit themselves for re-election. Nominations for the committee, proposed and seconded by current SHRA members, should be submitted, in writing, **no later than Friday 5th May** to:

The Secretary,
SHRA,
PO Box 124,
Eastbourne,
East Sussex BN24 9AW.

AGENDA

1. Welcome to Members and Guests
2. Introduction of Existing Committee Members
3. Review of the Evening's Business
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Existing Committee Stands Down. Election of New Committee
7. Key Issues for the Coming Year
8. Proposed Changes to the SHRA Constitution (Presentation and vote by members)
9. Open Discussion Session for Members
10. AOB

Meeting Ends

Our ward councillors, Patrick Bowker, Patrick Warner and Chris Williams have been invited to the meeting; also our county councillors, David Elkin and David Tutt.

Don't forget the issues

By the time of the AGM, we will know if B&Q and Sovereign Harbour Marina Ltd have appealed against the refusal of the EBC planning committee to allow the construction of a massive DIY warehouse in the entrance to the harbour. The SHRA committee are working, with council planners, to create a case that will be strong enough to persuade the First Secretary of State's inspector to uphold the planning committee's decision to reject the application.

Equally, if not more, important to the harbour, is the issue of the 'Five Sites'. It is absolutely imperative that this land is used to provide the social infrastructure that has been sadly ignored, and to turn the harbour into a visitor attraction that will enhance the Eastern approach to Eastbourne. Whatever the future of this land,

Carillion must not be allowed consent for any further residential development. The harbour has already been over-developed, enough is enough!

Another of the issues affecting us all is the Sovereign Harbour Trust, that continues to take our money, refuses to account for how it is used, and will not allow residents to be represented on the board of trustees. This 'Taxation without Representation' is unjust and cannot be allowed to continue.

And, on the subject of unfair taxation, we will continue to press the EBC to provide value for the huge Council Tax income harbour residents provide, by adopting the residential developments, and providing the facilities so desperately needed.

