



Hello, and welcome to the April issue of *Waterlines*. I hope that you find items of interest. Comments and feedback are always welcome. waterlines@shra.co.uk

During the lock-downs the SHRA committee has continued to meet on-line, and we continue to contact and lobby various bodies as required.

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 lifted.

Premier Marinas have announced that The Waterfront is busy getting ready to welcome back visitors. Following the government's 4-Step roadmap, onsite restaurants and cafes will be able to open for outdoor dining from 12th April, along with the hairdressers.



The site manager, businesses and agencies have been working together to put precautionary measures in place to ensure The Waterfront is a safe and relaxed environment for dining out. Please read the updated details on The Waterfront's Covid-19 info page ahead of your visit. www.eastbournewaterfront.co.uk/covid-19-at-the-waterfront/ Premier are planning to run a summer events programme at The Waterfront once restrictions allow. This includes the Urban Beach and a Film By The Water social.

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Annual Rentcharge

Sovereign Harbour property owners are covenanted to pay an annual charge to the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company Limited (CIC), a subsidiary of the Sovereign Harbour Trust (SHT), through an 'Estate Rentcharge' for flood defence work and harbour and marina maintenance.

The SHRA continues to ask the relevant authorities, companies and the Trust for greater transparency and clarification on just what the payments are for, and how the money paid by owners of residential property is being costed and used. These matters are discussed at every SHRA committee meeting.

Following receipt of this year's rentcharge invoice we wrote the following letter to the CIC Board and Company Secretary on the 11 March requesting greater transparency in their accounting and invoices. We await a reply.

Dear Mr Collins and Mr Leney

We are disappointed that despite our requests for greater transparency - our letter of April 2020 and subsequent emails in April, October and November - no changes have been made to this year's rentcharge invoice.

As in previous years, the invoice remains in the same opaque format. We also note from your previous replies that you have promised on several occasions to improve the information on the CIC and Sovereign Harbour Trust websites but we cannot see any obvious changes.

The Sovereign Harbour residents are stakeholders in the CIC, and we find it difficult to understand how the CIC can justify ignoring repeated requests from them for the invoice to be made much more transparent.

1. In previous correspondence, we notified you of the concerns from our residents about high administrative costs – around 20% each year. It is puzzling as to why the cost is so high given the administrative work and legal advice is mainly for a simple rent collection service. The CIC does not perform any challenging new activities year on year requiring new complex legal advice. We request that the CIC does all it can to reduce these excessive administrative costs including insuring that the contract for the administration and legal services is subject to competitive tender.
2. Related to the above, we note that within Premier Marinas' costs there is also a fee for "administration". What is the justification for this? Premier only receives monies and any expenditure related to this should be absorbed as overheads in the normal way. Can you inform us what steps you will take to correct the matter?

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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](http://www.rotaryclubofsovereignharbour.co.uk).

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

3. We note that the rentcharge invoice is not laid out in a way that would enable residents to see the main beneficiaries of the charge as we previously requested. To inform residents we have attempted to lay out the charge in a more meaningful way in our newsletter [see previous edition of Waterlines]. We believe the CIC needs to provide details about how the money is divided, and Premier Marinas needs to clearly show how their expenditure, covered by the rentcharge is worked out, and what works and services it specifically covers.

4. In order for us to provide accurate information to residents about monies for beneficiaries, please provide the following with each invoice:

- How many properties pay the SW Charge.
- How many non-payers were recorded as such in relevant year, and how many part-payers were there.
- How many were already in arrears as of September in the previous year.

5. Last year we requested that CIC accounts be laid out in way that accurately reflected the CIC activities. This has not happened. The template used seems inappropriate as the CIC is not a manufacturer of a product with a profit and loss account. It is a rent collection agency which sets the level of rent according to a legal formula and distributes the monies to beneficiaries accordingly. We would like to see this reflected in the CIC accounts.

- Under 'assets', please confirm whether 'debtors' consist solely of rent charge arrears (or otherwise) and explain any other category of debt.
- Under 'assets', please contextualise, explain and provide a breakdown of 'prepayments and accrued income'.
- Under 'liabilities', please contextualise, explain and provide a breakdown of 'trade creditors'.

We believe that open and transparent invoices with full details of all expenditure paid for by the rentcharge is a fundamental right for the payees and also required for the compliance with CIC standards. Transparency will also benefit the CIC and Premier Marinas as it will quash current misunderstandings, suspicions and resentment.

In previous correspondence we offered to meet you to see if we could assist making the invoice more transparent. We repeat that offer.

This letter is addressed jointly to Mr Collins and Mr Leney because we believe that as Company Secretary Mr Leney is responsible for addressing some of the issues raised.

Your sincerely

Susan Kerrison
SHRA Chair

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 Bowls Club

The Sovereign Harbour Bowls Club meets every Wednesday afternoon at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre from 2pm - 4.30pm, to play "Short Mat Bowls".

For enquiries please contact:
Anne Newson.

Email: newson17@live.co.uk

Phone: 01323 472259



Fishermens Camera Club

Set up and run by Sovereign Harbour residents, the club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, from 7-9 pm, at the Eastbourne Fishermens Club Royal Parade Eastbourne BN22 7AA.



Contact: Steve Lashley on 01323-478651 for more information.

Levelling Up monies for Eastbourne

Eastbourne and East Sussex County Council have been asked to submit proposals under the government's "levelling up scheme". This is government funding for regeneration of town centres, improvements to local transport infrastructure and the maintenance of cultural, heritage and civic assets. Up to £50m will be available for a transport project and £20m for other types of project.

Both Eastbourne and the County are keeping their proposals close to their chests, but several voluntary organisations have submitted ideas. Bespoke – the local cycling campaign want a dedicated cycle route all the way along the prom. The Chamber of Commerce would like a Low Traffic Neighbourhood along part of the sea front and Eastbourne EcoAction are proposing a Quality Bus Partnership involving dedicated bus lanes. The latter would feed into the government's strategy plan to improve bus services "Bus back better". Transport for the South East also has plans for upgrading the railway line from Ashford to Eastbourne with a possible new station at Stone Cross. Improvements to Hampden Park Station are also needed. The deadline for the Local Authority to submit proposals is June 18th when we will know what has been chosen. More info on the Fund can be found on the Government website at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-levelling-up-and-community-investments

Wild Coast Sussex

Wild Coast Sussex launched over the Summer 2020. Generously supported by The National Heritage Lottery Fund, the project inspires Sussex communities to care for the marine environment and enable them to protect their local coast and sea.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is the lead partner on this exciting project with Marine Conservation Society (MCS), Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) and Brighton SEA LIFE. Our partnership champions the rare and precious marine wildlife found locally, highlighting the extraordinary kelp forests, seahorses and rays once abundant in Sussex which could recover and thrive if given a chance.

Project activities will include a Wild Beach education programme for children, onsite and digital interpretation, a programme of citizen science surveys, fun new coastal activities and social events including beach cleans, a volunteer training programme, projects with young adults (aged 16-25) to develop local debate, action and opportunities for local marine conservation, and recycling of marine litter, including end of life fishing gear and ghost gear removed from the sea.

Last summer the project worked with commercial fishermen at Sovereign Harbour to divert over 4 tonnes of end-of-life fishing net from landfill to be recycled.

For further information on Wild Coast Sussex visit our website (sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/get-involved/community-projects/wildcoastsussex) or if you would like to be involved please email the team: WildCoastSussex@sussexwt.org.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.

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 contact please contact Betty Saunders 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

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

The countdown has started to the **reopening of the Yacht Club on Monday, 17th May**. This is the day when the Rule of Six will be reinstated for us being allowed to eat and drink inside bars and restaurants. The Rule of Six will apply until 21st June, or until Boris tells us otherwise. The good news is you don't have to eat to come in and get a beer or a glass of wine. There will still be table service until 21st June. As the 17th May is a Monday, we will be opening at 12 noon on that day, and then we will go back to normal opening hours thereafter.

Last summer, in between lockdown 1 and 2, our Gourmet Dinners were very well supported, and we will be offering Midweek Dining Offers on various days during the week. We are also hoping that our weekly **Quiz Nights will start on Thursday, 20th May**. On Saturday afternoons we will be showing a variety of sporting events on the television in line with what people would like to watch.

The weekend of the 25th - 27th June will be very different as we will hopefully be coming out of full lockdown, so we are planning to have a very special weekend. Also, we have been asked to host the Sussex Regatta over this weekend and we will have lots of yachts from Brighton, Shoreham, Rye, Newhaven and Seaford clubs berthed in the harbour. So please keep your eyes on our newsletters, which you can view through our Facebook page to see what is coming up.

<https://www.facebook.com/SHYCEastbourne/>

Our staff have already started the routine of 'cleaning down' to make this a Covid safe venue for you all to visit. Some other good news is that we have had a good number of enquiries over the last few weeks for bookings in our Royal Sovereign Suite - so if you have a special occasion coming up, why not book our upstairs room and bar for that long overdue party. Remember there are special rates if you are a member.

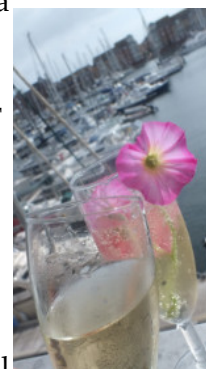
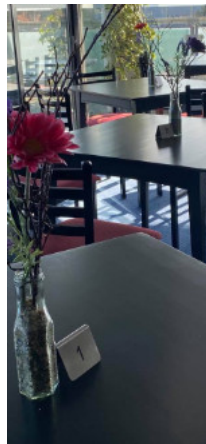
If you are new to the harbour or have had thoughts of joining the Yacht Club in the past, please do pay us a visit after May 17th. We have Midweek Music and much more. There is no better place to wine and dine or have a drink on our balcony with unprecedented views of the North Harbour. Our staff will make you feel very welcome, and the most important thing is - **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 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



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

The Harbour W.I.

There were 31 members logged on to a Zoom meeting of the Harbour WI on the 8th March. President Jackie Stevens welcomed everyone and introduced the speaker for the day Melinda Stone.

Melinda has been a tour guide at Herstmonceux Castle near Hailsham since 2018 and her illustrated talk was all about the development of the Castle through the ages. Although not a local girl originally Melinda decided to research the Castle's origin as she lived so close to it. From pictures of the site in the 14th century the Manor House, as it was then, was by the sea. William of Normandy sailed there in the 11th century but was disrupted from landing by a storm. It has gradually silted up and is now many miles from the coast. In the 15th century Henry VI gave the Manor to his treasurer Sir Roger Fiennes who started the construction of the castle as it is today. It was the biggest privately owned house in England at the time! Sir Roger was known to be very fond of dogs and there are images everywhere in the building and integrated chapel.



The name Herstmonceux comes from 'hyrst' – meaning wooded hill in Anglo-Saxon - and Monceux from the family who had been lords of the manor since the 12th century. The estate passed to Sir Roger's son whose descendants eventually sold it to George Naylor MP for Seaford. His wife found it very uncomfortable, so they built a house in the north-west corner of the park and abandoned the castle. They took all the best bits to their new home Herstmonceux Place and the castle became a picturesque ruin in the 300 acre Medieval Park.

It wasn't until the mid 19th century that Claude Lowther MP bought the castle and it was renovated over the next 100 years by him and then Sir Paul Latham who built a library, china room and ballroom - also a swimming pool in the garden which is now the Shakespeare Garden.

The Ministry of Defence stored records there during the Second World War and it was later sold to the Admiralty to use as an Observatory. They had to move away unfortunately because of the light pollution from Eastbourne! - and it was bought by developers who wanted a Hotel and Golf Resort. Locals objected and they went bankrupt in 1992! It was bought by Doctors Alfred and Isabel Bader. Alfred had been one of the last German Jewish children to come to England on the Kindertransport prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. At the age of 16 he became a detainee and was sent to Canada where he did very well and received an exceptional education at Queen's University Ontario. The couple left the Castle to Queen's University Canada who still own it and use it today as a study centre.

The Harbour WI hopes to follow up Melinda's very interesting talk about the Castle with a visit and tour when it opens again fully.

Information on the Harbour WI can be found on our website at:
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.

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/sovereignharboueastbourne/

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.

The 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.seatrainingssussex.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



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



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Cooking with Faz Razeen

Prawn Linguine with Olives, Tomato & Chilli Pesto

This prawn pasta recipe is really quick and easy to make and is made with sun-dried tomatoes, fresh coriander and chilli pesto. It is bursting with flavour and sure to be an excellent dish to enjoy with a nice cool glass of white wine.

Ingredients

Handful of whole almonds, roughly chopped
 8 sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and roughly chopped
 2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
 1 tsp coarsely chopped coriander leaves
 ½ tsp chilli flakes
 ¼ lemon zest
 Handful of pitted olives
 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
 180g linguine pasta
 150g king prawns

Method

Put the tomatoes, almonds, garlic, chilli, coriander and lemon zest in a small food processor with 2 tbsp oil and pulse until the almonds are coarsely ground; set aside.

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil, add the linguine and cook for 1 minute less than pack instructions. When the pasta is 4 minutes from being cooked, heat the remaining 1 tbsp oil in a large frying pan over a medium-high heat. Add the prawns and fry for 2-3 minutes until pink and completely cooked through or alternatively you may use pre-cooked prawns.

Scoop out a cupful of the pasta cooking water, then drain the pasta. Tip the linguine into the pan with the prawns, then add the tomato pesto and a good measure of the cooking water.

Toss together over the heat, adding more cooking water if necessary, until the pasta is coated. Garnish with chopped coriander leaves and olives.



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club will be active outdoors and on the water from the Easter Weekend, with takeaway food available from the **12th April** and the clubhouse facilities gradually being made available over the next two months following the current government roadmap out of lockdown.

We have an **Open Day on the Saturday 1st May 11am to 3pm** when we would be delighted to show potential members around the club and offer a taster sail in a club dinghy. No need to pre-book, just come along, bringing warm outdoor clothing & change of clothes if you would like to sail. We will provide buoyancy aids. If you would like more information please email membership@pbsc.org.uk.

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club has a very active Sailing School introducing and promoting sailing to people of all ages in a safe and friendly environment. The club has an experienced and friendly group of volunteer RYA qualified instructors including Dinghy, Senior and Powerboat. We are an RYA recognised training centre with OnBoard accreditation.



We are running learn to sail courses this spring. There are 2 adult RYA Level courses available, one on **Tuesday evenings from 6pm until 9.30pm from the 4th May until the 1st June**. The second course will be **Saturday's at 9am until 4.30pm, on the 22nd May until 5th June**. The cost of the course includes tuition from RYA trained instructors, use of the club boats and a buoyancy aid, logbook and certificates. Trainees will be shown how to sail in all directions, including an awareness of launching and recovery of a sailing dinghy. At the end of the course you will be able to sail under supervision in light winds.

For children we offer RYA youth sailing programs, to promote activities in a safe, structured and fun environment. The Cadet OnBoard sessions will run on various Saturdays throughout May, June, July, September and October. To book a place or discuss further details please email pbsctrainingadmin@pbsc.org.uk

Overall we have active social and sailing (racing and training) calendar planned with the expectations of a high turnout as members clamour to get back on the water and meet up at the club generally. We are a friendly club, appealing to all groups from families wishing to learn to sail, improvers, club racers. The social side is typically well attended with regular social events, including BBQ's, beachside bonfires and free camping in our field behind the clubhouse. Parking is also free and readily available.

You can find us 500m along the beach towards Bexhill from the Harbour or by road with access off the A259 500m past Asda – we are well signposted. We are open at weekends and Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Spring & Summer. Look forward to seeing you.

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 straightforward 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

Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited

The South Harbour water feature is owned, managed and maintained by Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited (CPMCL), a company set up for the purpose by the 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. Further info at: www.cpmcl.co.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 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/



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

Water Feature at Columbus Point

As the weather improves and the Easter and summer holidays approach, it is timely to remind residents and visitors alike that the anchor shaped Water Feature running through the Columbus Point development on the outer harbour, is privately owned. The cost of managing and maintaining it falls to the 369 property owners in the development.

Unsociable behaviour. Visitors with dogs are politely asked to pick up after their pets and to use one of the three bins by the exits to Santa Cruz Drive, St Kitts Drive and Martinique Way. Small children must be supervised. The amenity is not for washing, swimming or paddling. Silt, sand and sunscreen 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 to do so respectfully.

Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited
www.cpmcl.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 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

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:

www.savethedgh.org.uk



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.

Neighbourhood First

Neighbourhood First is a team of advisors who work with communities to improve their neighbourhood.

They act as the link between the councils and the community and work alongside a range of volunteers, groups and other council staff to maintain the quality of the environment.

Our neighbourhood advisors can help and assist you to try and resolve a range of issues, such as:

- Dog fouling
- Fly-tipping
- Littering and street cleaning
- Abandoned vehicles
- Fallen trees

Neighbourhood First advisors are available to speak with resident and attend community meetings such as town and parish councils or neighbourhood panel meetings to find out what matters most to our communities.

They carry out a range of inspections on our streets and open spaces to make sure the environment is well maintained. They can also give advice on access issues to local businesses.

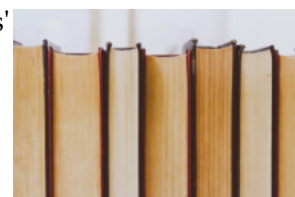
You can report issues to Neighbourhood First via our website or via our [Report It smartphone](#) app or via our website www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

Note: The “Dogs on Leads” public spaces protection orders (PSPO) that were put in place following a public consultation in 2017 on the public walkways in Sovereign Harbour Marina ([see map](#)) have been extended to November 2023. 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 £75 or fine of up to £1,000.

Sovereign Harbour Book and Writing Club

“ He loved books, those undemanding but faithful friends” - VICTOR HUGO, 'Les Miserables'

We began meeting in January 2020 at the meeting room in Sovereign Harbour Community Centre. A growing group with friendly members and wide ranging chats about books we were reading, choices for others and even a spot of creative writing- of which we found some undiscovered talent!



Three months on after the March meeting all our plans went to pot with lockdown of course and the situation has continued since then. We did however when allowed meet in a small group a couple of times for coffee/ cake and chatter (usually at Four Seasons!) and I maintained contact with all members via email/letter/phone including ideas book and writing related.

I have no idea how we shall reform currently as the Sovereign Community Centre is to become a Vaccination Hub from April. BUT if you do have an interest in books or want to share some creative writing please get in contact. We can be a virtual group still or even restart coffee meet ups when we can again!

Books have become a go to comfort for many over these difficult times so please email/phone me if you'd like to become involved.

Philipa Coughlan

For more information contact:

Tel: 07519 143770 or email: pcoughlan@btinternet.com

Upcoming Elections

On **Thursday 6 May 2021** there will be elections in Eastbourne and Lewes. Eastbourne residents will be voting for East Sussex County Council ward councillors and a Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner. In addition, **there will be a By Election in Sovereign Ward to elect a Eastbourne Borough Council ward councillor** following Caroline Ansell giving up the post in March to concentrate on her role as the Member of Parliament for Eastbourne and Willindon.



For those who choose to vote in person, Eastbourne Borough Council says polling stations will be safe places to vote with measures in place such as social distancing, hand sanitiser, one-way systems and face masks.

People can also vote by post or by appointing someone to vote in their place – a proxy vote. Residents have until midnight on April 19 to register to vote. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on April 20 and 5pm on April 27 for a proxy vote.

If you were registered to vote in the last election and your details have not changed, you don't need to take any action. If you have recently turned 18 or moved home, it is particularly important that you act to ensure that you are registered to vote. If in doubt, you can check with your local authority on 01323 410000.

You can find out more information on the elections on the following EBC website...

www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/

Magnificent Motors returns 22-23 May

EBC have announced that classic cars and vintage vehicles are gearing up to return to Magnificent Motors on the seafront lawns from 22 – 23 May.

The annual free motoring festival has moved its dates to late May, to enable visitors to stay overnight in the town's hotel accommodation, once the hospitality industry is reopened.

Bringing back the vintage vibes in a socially distanced format, the exhibition will cover over a century of motoring on the seafront Western Lawns, and car and vintage vehicle owners can register their interest in attending now. Featuring classic cars, vintage buses, motorbikes and old engines, a daily seafront motoring parade from 10am will also see a gleaming cavalcade, with plenty of vantage points along the route.

Eastbourne Borough Council Lead Cabinet Member for Tourism and Enterprise, Cllr Margaret Bannister said "After a year of many cancellations, we're delighted to be reopening this vintage favourite to kick start the events season. Subject to government guidance, this will be the beginning of a gradual roll out of many of our events, slowly but surely, in a safe and covid-secure way."

The two-day festival is popular amongst car owners and car clubs with past exhibits ranging from Ferraris, Maseratis and Jaguars to Aston Martins, Cadillacs and a turn of the century Brush Runabout.

A Cars of the Future display will also include a range of some of the latest electric and hybrid vehicles, along with advice on how to switch to alternative fuel technologies.

Motoring fans can also look forward to browsing the food and drink stalls during the two-day festival. Covid-secure measures will be in place throughout the event, ranging from sanitising stations and extra distancing to one-way walking routes.

Eastbourne's Beer & Cider by the Sea event, which was due to take place over the same weekend, will now be rescheduled to later in the season, with dates to be announced.

For more information or to register interest in exhibiting a vehicle visit <https://www.visiteastbourne.com/magnificent-motors>

Sovereign Harbour Photoclub UK

Like many clubs and societies, we have struggled with the lockdown over recent months and indeed well into last year. In that we obviously have not been able to utilise our home base at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club (it being closed), like many institutions, we have maintained contact and camaraderie by having weekly 'Zom' meetings with members, where open forum conversation, not only discusses our mutual interest of photography, but we have also diversified to many other topics of conversation, usually with comical banter and general interest.

Whilst it has been and is great fun, enjoyed by those who join in, it will, needless to say, be good to get back to the Yacht Club for personal contact and some photographic projects. That said, we have maintained a weekly challenge for members with various topics, which get voted upon, on our club Facebook site, with the winning weekly picture being posted as the page 'header' for 7 days.

Once the lockdown is lifted, we will be getting out for some photo shots again, (including during the week), to blow the dust off our cameras.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to share your interest with like minded folk, please get in contact and we will be happy to welcome you to our Zoom meetings and of course full club activities once permitted.

You don't need high end cameras, a simple smart phone will do, you just need an interest in photography and like meeting others for some fun. We aren't a highly competitive club and we don't have competition prizes, its all about enjoyment and the sharing of knowledge and experience with others. Not to mention a social drink, once we get back in the yacht club.

You can contact me Bob Stanborough (club secretary) by e mail at: Shpcuk@outlook.com We look forward to hearing from you, or better still, meeting you! Happy shooting!

Below are a few examples of recent challenges, "Double Exposure", "From Behind", "Re-cycled" and "Candid".







Royal Sovereign Bowls Club

PRINCES PARK

OPEN DAYS

**Saturday & Sunday
April 17 & 18**

10_{am} – 4_{pm}

Refreshments available

GIVE IT A GO!

**FLAT SOLED SHOES/TRAINERS ON THE
GREEN**