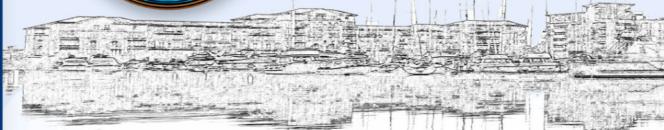




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2025 ROUND-UP

It's been another busy year for the SHRA Committee and our members. We've had ongoing meetings and discussions with the developers of the Aldi, LNT, McCarthy Stone and Untold Living sites, along with the Martello Towers application, which is still ongoing.

SHRA's AGM was held in May at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre and was well attended with speakers Josh Babarinde OBE MP and Michael Newton-Smith (Director of the Eastbourne U10 Fishermans CIC) giving interesting talks. Next year's AGM will be held on Thursday 14 May 2026, same venue.

We have written to the Wellcome Trust about Premier Marinas Harbour Charge, but unfortunately we have not yet received a response despite a follow-up. Although it may appear we are flogging a dead horse, we will continue to press Premier Marinas for greater transparency on the Harbour Charge costs for the residents who pay it!

Following complaints received from members regarding difficulties communicating with the Sovereign Harbour Trust via their agents Plummer Parsons (who are now part of Galloways Accounting), we intend to raise this matter with the Sovereign Harbour Trust.

We are very grateful for all the attention that MP Josh Babarinde, Ward Councillor Kshama Shore and Eastbourne Borough Council have given to the serious issues with the Water Treatment Works. Southern Water have apologised and have promised that improvement work now taking place will be completed by March 2026. [Southern Water webpage on the issue.....](#)



With regard to the Macaulay Place open space – the developers have acknowledged that, at present, it is their responsibility to maintain the park as it remains unadopted by the council. The park has now been tidied up and waste bins emptied.

The SHRA have re-established their joint meetings with the Ward Councillors and the local PSCOs (Police Community Support Officer) to discuss local issues on a quarterly basis.

We've helped to support the Community Centre in a number of events, most recently their Armistice Day service. This was a well-supported event which will be a permanent fixture at the Community Centre. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the '[Langney Men in Sheds](#)' for their assistance in making the 'Memorial Tree'. We look forward to the Carol Singing event on **23 December, 4pm-6pm**, where residents can leave a 'Memorial Star' for their loved ones on the tree (poster below).

The refurbishment of the Harbour information boards is now complete – please see the separate article regarding this.

We are intending to host a 'Smugglers of East Sussex' talk in the Yacht Club early in the New Year, date to be advised.

Also for the New Year the SHRA will be keeping any eye on the next stage of the plans for a new unitary authority covering the whole of East Sussex except Brighton and Hove. See separate item below.

We will also wish to engage with the 'We are Eastbourne Initiative' (Neighbourhood Board) who are gathering information from residents on priorities for spending the £20 million in funding from central government awarded to Eastbourne as part of the long-term Pride in Place Programme (PPP). The money is to be spent over the next 10 years on projects across the borough.



**We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas,
along with a Happy and Healthy New Year.**



Government Consultation on Proposals for a New Council for East Sussex

The Government has launched its consultation on proposals for local government in East Sussex. They are consulting on two options:

- One East Sussex - a single unitary authority based on the existing boundaries of East Sussex, with Brighton & Hove to remain unchanged.
- Five unitary authorities that divide the whole of Sussex into new areas, with parts of East Sussex either moved into Brighton & Hove or into a new shared council with areas of West Sussex.

The consultation asks for views on whether the proposals will create councils that are good value for money, deliver high-quality services, reflect local needs, and support stronger community engagement.

The current East Sussex county council believe that their One East Sussex option offers the best outcomes for our partners and our residents. Developed collaboratively by all district and borough councils in East Sussex, One East Sussex shows that a single unitary authority council, on the existing East Sussex footprint would be simpler for residents, would save £64 million over its first five years and would avoid the extra complexity of splitting up existing services.

Click the link below to have your say. This is your chance to influence what councils look like in East Sussex, and how they deliver services in the future. It is no use complaining afterwards!

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/east-sussex-brighton-and-hove-west-sussex>



Armistice Day Event at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre

At the 11th hour of the 11th day, of the 11th month we came together in the garden of the community centre, for the first time, to remember and pay tribute to all of those who have lost their lives through war and conflict

The event began at 10am when visitors were invited to hang their dedication poppies on the memory tree; over tea and coffee we learned and spoke about the service men and women we came to remember.

Father Mark McAulay and Christopher Field led the readings and prayers around the memory tree. Mark Ayling from the Salvation Army band led us into the 2 minutes silence with the Last Post. The stillness, broken only by the tinkling of the leaves on the memory tree, was poignant and moving. Iain Shore, Chair of the Centre's Trustees, gave a reading including the words "When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today". Mark closed the ceremony with Reveille.



The morning was dry and bright, and we were truly blessed with the support and the memories we shared. We would like to thank everyone who came along and gave so generously; over £200 was donated to the Royal British Legion to help them continue their valuable work.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA) who sponsored the event, and the brilliant and tenacious chaps at the Langney Shed who created the enduring memory tree which we hope will be visited by the community over the coming years .

Sovereign Harbour Community Association
www.sovereignharbourcommunitycentre.com



Event's Photo Gallery: www.shra.co.uk/remembrance2025



The Harbour Information Boards

We're pleased to confirm that the refurbishment of the Harbour information boards are now complete.

The project commenced with our idea of installing a seal information board next to the bird board by the locks. This was done with the help of generous donations from both PCDL and Premier Marinas and of course, our members.

Once this was in place, we felt that the bird board looked shabby alongside the new seal board so we decided to refurbish the bird board. This evolved into a project to refurbish the *SS Barnhill* board and the shingle flora & fauna board on the North Harbour beach.

Many thanks to Peter Lawrence for the manufacture and installation of the new frameworks, and to Frances Lawrence for applying umpteen coats of varnish, Raj Pisavadia for the design of the new inserts and Keith Collier for the hard work of installing the boards. Each board is sh

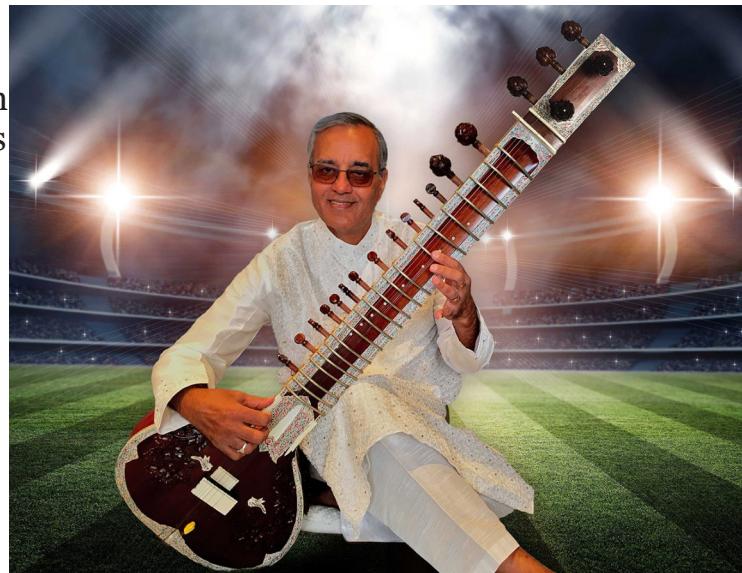




Rajendra Pisavadia (Raj)

If you've ever seen a shivering figure emerging from the sea at 8am, that was probably me. I swim with the Harbour Dolphins — yes, by choice — despite being born in Mombasa, Kenya, where the water is warm and the sea is gentle. Somehow, life has brought me back to the coast again, since leaving beautiful East Africa in 1968; only this time the cold waters of the English Channel bites back a little!

My early working life was in the printing and pre-press industry, producing well-known magazines and later running my own photography and media business. Music has always been close to my heart too — I play the Indian instruments sitar and dilruba, continuing a family tradition. My uncle performed playing the dilruba with George Harrison for the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* album, on the track '*Within you Without You*', so there's a little music history in the family, although I'm still the one responsible for tuning the instruments.



Later in life I moved into Mental Health Care, as an OT Technician, working in both private and NHS hospitals in Wales and later here in Sussex. I worked in forensic and recovery settings, supporting people in rebuilding confidence, identity and purpose. It was meaningful and rewarding work, and I continued in the NHS until my retirement in 2022.

Life, of course, has included challenges. I was diagnosed with cancer while raising young children and running a business back in South Wales where we lived for 35 years — a frightening and uncertain time. With treatment, support and a determination to stay positive, I made it through. That experience changed how I saw the world. I don't take life for granted. Now I swim, walk, cycle, practice yoga and meditation, and travel when I can — appreciating the everyday moments.

Sovereign Harbour has been good for me. I enjoy the community here and I had the pleasure of designing the harbour information boards about the seals, birds and the SS Barnhill — small contributions to help people learn about and appreciate our shared surroundings.

I'm also part of the Sovereign Harbour Photographic Club, which lets me combine my love of creativity with getting to know others who see the world through a lens (sometimes literally)!

I also seem to have become the unofficial caretaker for a few neighbours and second-home apartments — I'm still not entirely sure how that role found me, but it seems to fit!

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I also serve on the Chatsworth Stand Leasehold Association. Sovereign Harbour is not just where I live, it is a place that feels connected to everything I've been through — the sea, resilience, community, and a sense of coming home (usually with a towel and a hot drink after a swim).

So if you see me by the water, please say hello — I'll probably be thawing out. And if you want to be a dolphin, you are welcome to join our Harbour Dolphins! (see us in *Waterlines*). We are not just a dip in the sea but a social group as well. All are welcome!



[As mentioned, Raj designed the new information boards that SHRA installed, and he produces the colourful posters for community centre events. Below is an extract from an article that Raj produced about Amrit Gajjar and the dilruba. Click this link to read the whole piece: www.shra.co.uk/pdfs/Amrit_Gajjar.pdf And check out this video on YouTube which Raj did early this year for the **Harbour Medical Practice** that helped them to recruit new doctors: www.youtube.com/watch?v=woj-Ps3ncxQ Ed.]



Amrit Gajjar with George Harrison at the Apple Studio

A very rare photograph of my uncle with George at the Apple Studio in 1967. It was not until the following year when I came to UK in February 1968, unknown to me that this was going to be a memorable recording in history of the Beatles and to celebrate 50 years of the Sgt. Pepper's release.

My uncle was born India and lived in Uganda & Kenya, and came to England in 1962, he was by profession a photographer and a musician. And a great musician too. He played many instruments like, the popular Dilruba, Sitar, Tabla, Harmonium, Hawaiian Guitar, and Tanpura



A dilruba



Cooking with Faz Razeen

Duck in Orange Sauce (prepared in an air fryer)

Easy air fryer half a duck, crispy, juicy, and perfect for a delicious lunch or dinner during Christmas. This is my easiest recipe with few ingredients and includes a tasty orange juice and red wine marinade, and it is simple to prepare.

Ingredients

Half a pre-cooked duck
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Marinade

1/3 cup red wine
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 orange (squeeze fresh juice)

Instructions

Pour all marinade ingredients in a marinade bag or a suitable plastic food container, and add the pre-cooked half duck. Shake well and then store in the fridge for at least over an hour (better overnight).

Preheat air fryer, meanwhile remove duck from the marinade and prick duck skin with a sharp knife, cover with salt and pepper.

Place the duck in the air fryer basket, cook skin side up for 20 minutes at 190c, extending it by a couple of minutes if necessary.

Rest the duck for a few minutes before serving to allow the juices to redistribute.

Serve with your own choice of vegetables.

Note: For raw duck, use the same method to marinade as above; consider a longer cooking time of 30 minutes or more at 200c, flipping halfway through.



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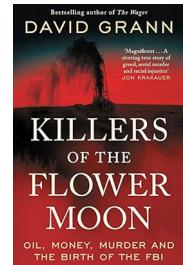


Sovereign Harbour Book and Creative Writing Group



Since the last 'Waterlines' we have had two meetings of the Sovereign Harbour Book and Creative Writing Group and both were well attended.

October's book choice was *Killers of the Flower Moon*. As a piece of fiction, it would have made an impressive fantasy. Sadly, it was a true story of abuse of native Americans on an industrial scale. They were cheated out of their incomes and lived in fear for their lives, with a long string of murders. The situation was one of the reasons for creating the FBI, but even when those responsible for the crimes came to court, the punishments for the guilty parties were derisory.



We moved on to the writing topic of 'Sailing'. This led, as it regularly does, to some imaginative interpretations in both prose and poetry.

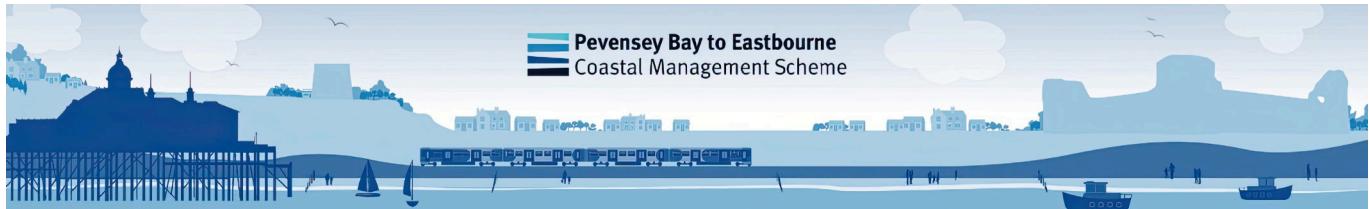
For the November meeting we returned to an interesting period of English history as we read and discussed *Cider With Rosie*, the well known book by Laurie Lee. This was the story of growing up in the countryside in Gloucestershire. It recounted the story of a way of rural life that has long disappeared. A village that lived as an independent community related by the author as his poetic descriptions recalled his infancy, childhood and adolescence as well as the friends and family with whom he interacted. As ever, the book met with a mixed reception, but undeniably, it was food for thought.

For the writers among us, we were writing about 'Bookworm'. Yet again, another great variety of stories and poetry. Some of our number, unsurprisingly, had long had a reputation as bookworms while others spun stories with a more liberal interpretation. It made for another entertaining morning. We even finished off with a play reading. This was the work of one of our members, and in spite of squeezing it into the last few minutes of the session, it became a very enjoyable finale.

Anyone who cares to join our regular mid-month sessions is welcome, even if you just come and listen. To find out more, try Brenda (ejbowersuk@gmail.com) or Alan (alanturner38@btinternet.com).

The next meeting is on **Friday, 19 December, 11-00am in the Yacht Club Members' Bar**. Someone from the group will be waiting at the Clubhouse door. The meeting after should be 16 January, but if you intend coming on that occasion best to get in touch as the date has yet to be confirmed.





Change to Coastal Management Scheme

We want to let you know about a recent change in how we are planning for the future of the coastline. As a result of the changes, the stakeholder workshops we had planned for this winter will not go ahead.

Context: The Government's recent Spending Review has committed over £4 billion nationally for building and maintaining flood and coastal defences between April 2026 and March 2029. The focus for this period is on projects that can deliver better protection for communities within those three years. Locally, this means we are prioritising delivery of projects which better protect communities while beginning early development work for the next phase (post 2037).

This also means funding is no longer available to continue developing the long-term strategy we had originally planned. However, this change does not mean any extra risk to our communities.

Our short- and medium-term projects for both Pevensey and Eastbourne remain fully funded, allowing us to maintain and improve defences until 2037. Planning for our medium-term Phase 1 project continues without interruption, and early development work for Phase 2 (delivery of works starting in 2037) is already underway.

Phase 2 will be a large and complex scheme. We are requesting funds from Government to commence this work, which could take up to two years to secure, followed by around ten years of appraisal and design. Partnership and collaboration will be at the heart of making this project a success, and we look forward to continuing to work with you as plans progress.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. We'll keep you updated and share opportunities to get involved as plans progress. If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Laura Stronge

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Beach Work Update

Our team is working hard to protect the local area from coastal flooding. This includes everything from day-to-day beach management, to updating the beach design for 2027 and securing government funding for long-term coastal protection.

In this issue, we're focusing on what matters most to many of you: what's been happening on the beach.

Beach management

Right now, machinery is reshaping the beach, reprofiling the shingle to maintain a wide crest. At the same time, we are recycling shingle - moving material to where it's needed most to strengthen the beach as a flood defence. These essential works will continue throughout the winter as part of our ongoing coastal management. Last week we started bypassing material from west to east around Sovereign Harbour; you may have noticed the lorries on the roads. We expect this to continue into the first week of December.

In November, exceptionally high spring tides caused significant erosion around the Martello Tower to the east of Sovereign Harbour (photo right).

Normally, our team works between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, but the timing of low tide and the scale of the erosion meant we had to start earlier to recover shingle before the tide came back in.

We know this may have caused some disruption, and we thank you for your understanding. While we aim to stick to normal hours, severe weather or heightened flood and erosion risk may mean early starts or extended working times to protect the area.

To keep everyone safe, we are monitoring vehicle speeds on the beach and have reinforced the 10 mph limit with all operators. Where possible, bulldozers will travel along the bottom of the beach, and if that's not feasible, they will travel at a very slow speed.

Christmas

Over the Christmas period, a small team will be on standby in case severe weather requires action. Otherwise, normal activities will resume after the holidays.

Contact us

To receive regular email updates from Paul and Amber about beach management activities, visit the 'short-term project' page on our website and register your details: www.pevencyandeaestbourne.co.uk You can also contact the beach managers directly at: pevencybeachmanager@environment-agency.gov.uk

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support as we work to keep the community resilient to the risk of flooding.

Sarah Martin

Project Support Officer - Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne Coastal Management Scheme.

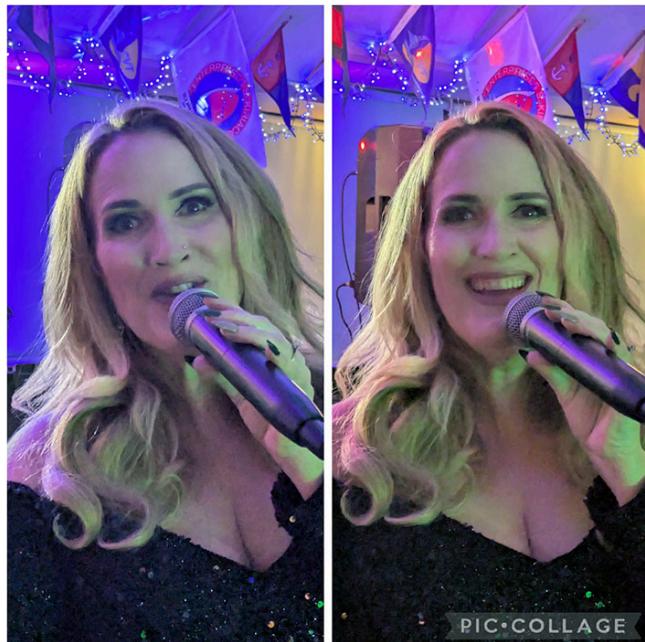




Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club News



After a busy summer with a lot of activity on the water, things have quietened down a bit. We were pleased to welcome The Jive Beats, Wot's Cookin' and Helen Ward-Jackson, recognised as one of the UKs top Adele tribute acts in the last couple of months.



We celebrated Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in October 1805, a tradition celebrated by many, many yacht clubs around the world.



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We have begun a monthly film club which is proving VERY popular. We have shown Four Weddings and a Funeral, Shawshank Redemption and in December we will be showing the classic 'Life of Brian'.

As a club we were thrilled to host an 'End of Mortgage Party' to celebrate completing our twenty year mortgage on the building we now occupy. It was fabulous to welcome many past commodores, vice commodores and members who had helped the yacht club get to the place we are now. The club was formed initially in a Portakabin on a vacant piece of land in the harbour by the locks in 1998 and in 2006 we took possession of the present building.



We have a music quiz, a Christmas Singo Bingo and a Christmas Craft Fayre with some new stalls this year and open to the public at the end of November. Then, as always, we have a jam-packed December.

**SHYC would like to wish all Harbour residents and Waterlines readers
A very Happy Christmas and New Year.**

Until 2026.....

Ros Saunders
Communications Officer





Report of November's WI Meeting.

Despite the atrocious weather there was a good turnout for the November meeting of the Harbour WI. President Diane Beere welcomed 60 members.

The speaker, Robin Keyte gave a talk on a local wreck, the VOC Amsterdam. The wreck lies on the beach at Bulverhythe near Hastings and can be seen at low tide. It was wrecked on its maiden voyage to Batavia [now Jakarta] in 1749 during a violent storm.

VOC was the Dutch East Indies Company and was the world's largest trade and shipping company in the 17th and 18th centuries. They traded all over the world with their fleet of over 150 ships.

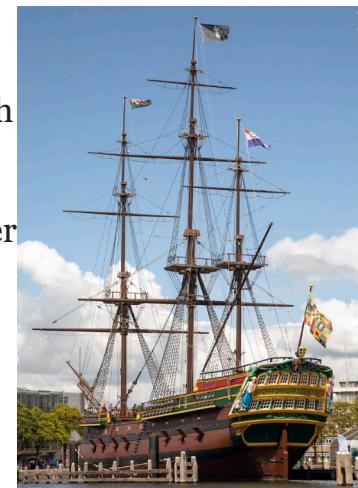
VOC Amsterdam had left the shipbuilder's yard in Amsterdam with Captain Willem Klump at the helm, to pick up a cargo in Texel (one of the Dutch Wadden Islands, off the coast of the Netherlands). The cargo was worth millions of pounds in today's money. They also took on 126 soldiers, 5 women passengers and a crew of 198.

After three false starts they finally set sail in January 1749 but with sickness on board and storm force winds they made very slow progress. After two weeks battling against the stormy winds, the captain decided to shelter in Pevensey Bay but smashed the rudder off as it was too shallow. They continued for 3 more days with no steering before beaching the ship off Hastings.

Even though Bulverhythe was a sparsely populated area in the 17/18th century, thousands of people arrived on the beach in the hope of looting. The army were called in and took 27 chests of silver gilders and ingots to the Bull Inn for safe keeping - but one had disappeared!

There were no casualties but 55 bodies were buried in the cemetery of St. Clements Church in Bulverhythe. They were thought to have died of Yellow Fever. The soldiers and crew were sent back to Holland and Captain Willem Klump continued his career for many more years.

It is possible to walk round the protected wreck site at very low spring tides. It is still Dutch property and believed to have a hold full of precious goods! A replica of the vessel was completed in 1990 and is moored in Amsterdam



Lunch Club

Thursday 20th Nov. at Kings Restaurant [The College]

Family History Club

Monday 24th Nov. at 2pm Sue Howes

Craft Club

Monday 17th Nov. 2pm at Sandie Gomans

4th Tuesday Coffee Morning Tuesday 25th Nov. 10.30am at Seasons

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The Harbour WI Christmas Lunch is being held on the 10th December at the Cooden Beach Hotel.

The Annual Meeting of the ESFWI is being held in the De La Warr pavilion on the 24th March 2026 with Charlie Dimmock from *Love Your Garden* as one of the speakers.

The next meeting is on the 8th December at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. It is the Christmas Party meeting with festive food and music and a talk by Pat Bryer titled '*Choice Joyce - A Flavour of Joyce Grenfell*'.

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



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Harbour Friends Update -December 2025.

Harbour Friends is a friendly social group, predominantly for residents of Sovereign Harbour.

A very Happy Christmas to all our HF Members and Waterlines readers. The big day is creeping up fast and before we know it, we will be ringing in the New Year. November appears to have been the mildest ever, although the temperatures have now plummeted at the time of writing this article.

Since our last update, we have held two very successful special New Member evenings. Due to this success, we now have spaces for just a few new Harbour Residents, before we reach our maximum capacity of 150.

If you have been considering joining us, or are just new to the harbour and would like to meet other residents and enjoy special events and trips, then why not make this your New Year resolution. To contact us please use the contact form on our website at the following address: www.harbourfriends.co.uk

Harbour Friends members continue to be entertained, enjoying both our regular and special events including the monthly Harbour Stroll + Coffee Morning for our members, which continues to grow in popularity.

On Wednesday 8th October we enjoyed our Autumn Party Night being entertained by saxophonist and singer Mr Rick Bonner. A great and very lively night with plenty of fun and dancing.

On Wednesday 22nd October 16 of our members went along to Tunbridge Wells Ice Curling Club for some tuition and gameplay. Despite some of our members being a bit nervous about being on the ice, everyone had a great time. We were given special rubber soled shoes which made the ice seem just like a normal floor. Our thanks go out to the Tunbridge Wells club, who made the day special and looked after us so well.



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On Friday 24th October we had our second go at New Age Kurling. This is where you have the Kurling stones running on ball bearings on a normal hall floor. Similar to the ice version, but without the ice and the people acting as sweepers. Brilliant fun again and congratulations to the winners of our small competition.



On Wednesday 29th October we resurrected the very old TV show panel game called Call My Bluff. This was our updated version of the team game, where the panel of three had to convince teams that their definition of an unusual word is the correct one. In our version, we also included the possible origins of idioms (well-known sayings) and also pictures of mystery objects just to spice it up a bit. Getting volunteers to act as panel members was a bit of a challenge, but despite that the event appears to have been a big hit.



On Wednesday 12th November HF members Sian & Steve hosted a quiz night for us for their first time. Eleven teams fought it out to take the top spot, answering questions on several different subjects and working out what paintings were featured in the picture round. This proved to be a very well received quiz and we are most grateful to Sian & Steve for compiling and hosting the quiz for us.

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Our last two Special Events in December are a Festive High Tea with a Christmas Film at The Hydro Hotel on the 3rd and our Annual Christmas Party Night at The Cumberland Hotel on the 12th.

When we do not have a special event on a Wednesday evening, just a few of our members sometimes meet up for a chat and a drink (sometimes a meal) in the normal yacht club bar. As we share that bar with yacht club members, it is important that anyone considering joining contacts us first before coming along.

Our special events list for 2026 is now starting to come together and kicks off with the first event as below:

Wednesday 28th January it will be Variety Cash Bingo time. Variations of Bingo played can include USA 75 Number, Music (Singo) & Reverse (Killer) Bingo. Following on from that, in February we will be having another session of New Age Kurling and then our very special 21st Anniversary Celebration Party on the 25th February, with local singer Mr Guy Sunshine.

Other events already in planning stage, include the brilliant Mr Tony Harris coming along impersonating Margaret Thatcher, a Greyhound Racing Trip and a Video Race Night to name just a few.

Just a reminder that we have our very own Facebook page showing pictures from events. Please do take a look and give us a like and a share at the following web address: www.facebook.com/harbourfriends

That is about it for now and I wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.
Dave Hawkins
(HF Publicity Officer)



 **HARBOUR DOLPHINS**
EST 2021
MEMBER

We need more members to join our well established group

A group of like minded people who love to swim in the sea and appreciate the benefits of cold water swimming. Fun and laughter guaranteed.
We meet on the North Harbour beach outside Admiralty Court 8 am weekdays and 9 am weekends. New members welcome.
Whether you like to swim like an Olympian or just bob around, we cater for all

We all love to swim in the sea with a healthy dose of laughter thrown in, come and make new friends and enjoy the health benefits of cold water swimming

Look us up on Facebook
Harbour Dolphins 
or contact Nancy on 07710 538230





Sovereign Harbour Photo Club



As we draw near to the years end and the weather turns colder, our enthusiasm for our photography passion hasn't cooled, with our Club meetings being well attended with our weekly topic picture viewing and constructive critique of those members pictures being well received by all.

This month saw our two winners in our Mobile phone category and camera category, being, Izabela Rickett, with her night time harbour picture. And Cathy Manfield, with her camera, winning shot of the Tower of London.



We've also had two more recent highlights, one being the photographer of the year award (courtesy of Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club) which is based on the highest number of monthly wins achieved during the year for individual members pictures reflected by viewers likes. With a total number of 24 points achievable, the winner (for the second year running) is Roger Kiernan, who has submitted some stunning pictures, with his forte' being macro photography - an example is shown her on the right.

The other exciting new category introduced this year, is the "photograph of the year", our first winner being Bob Stanborough, with his 'Eastbourne Airborne' picture (right) of the red arrows, which achieved an overall total 'appreciative likes', from viewers of 56.

Our club is all about a mutual love and appreciation of photography, whether it be with smart phone or camera. Our aim is to enlighten our members with support and education, in order for them to get the very best from their chosen equipment. Our club has some very experienced photographers, including 'ex professionals', who are more than happy to impart their expansive knowledge to help others.



We also have weekly video tutorials, based on the extensive associated photography methods and camera settings as well as composition and editing techniques, based on available editing software and apps.

Tip for this moth is: If you are a mobile phone user, get into the habit of cleaning the lens with a soft cloth or tissue, every time, before you use the phone camera. As phones are handled so regularly, it is inevitable that grease from hands will get on the lens and it WILL make a substantial difference to the clarity of your pictures.

It's amazing what can be achieved by enhancing a picture, unless you are a purist who doesn't believe in editing, but then that's fine with us too.

We are a very social group who very much enjoy each others company and mutually enjoyed hobby, every Tuesday evening at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht club (bar area) starting at 7pm with a 30 minute social, followed by our photo reviews and educational videos starting at 7.30 in the adjoining "chart room".

If you have an interest in photography and want to join a like minded and friendly group of individuals (of all ages), please contact me at: Shpcuk@outlook.com

We do have a 3 week break over Christmas and new year, with our last meeting for 2025, being a social evening on 16th December. Either way, please come along as our guest, to see if we are what you are looking for.

Ultimately if you like what you find and want to join us more regularly, you simply need to be a member of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, with annual membership fees being an equivalent of £2 per week, its a real bargain, especially as that membership entitles you to ALL the other extensive social events and facilities provided by the yacht club, including use of their new club yacht "Jebbs"

Look forward to seeing you soon !!

Bob Stanborough (secretary)

SHPCUK



Eastbourne Local Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Eastbourne. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit Eastbourne and its residents.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

A weekly draw takes place every Saturday night.

Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!

From every £1 ticket you buy, 60p will go to local good causes in Eastbourne and improving our community.

Visit the secure website to sign up:
www.eastbournelocallottery.co.uk



SHCC Sovereign Harbour Community Centre
www.sovereignharbourcommunitycentre.com
The Crumbles, Pevensey Bay Road
Eastbourne, BN23 6JH

Join us for a chat, a cuppa and some fun

Bingo & Biccies

The First Tuesday of Every Month

£8.00 for a book of 10 Games Includes intermission refreshments (Cash preferred. Thanks)

Over 18's Only

All proceeds go into the prize fund and the ongoing upkeep of the Community Centre

Tuesday 2 December 2025
A Special
CRIMBO BINGO
Raffle & Jackpot
PLUS
THE GOOD BISCUITS!!!
DOORS OPEN 1PM
EYES DOWN 2PM

Sovereign Harbour Community Association Reg. Charity 1209189



CHRISTMAS GALA
with
DOWNLAND SINGERS

TRINITY CHURCH
Coppice Avenue Willingdon

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th 2025
2.30pm

featuring
popular Christmas songs
Christmas readings
Carols for Audience

Interval Refreshments

Lucky Number Programme £6.00

Website: downlandsingers.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/downlandsingers
Email: downlandsingers@gmail.com



SHRA
Sovereign Harbour Residents Association
www.shra.co.uk

Santa Stroll

A festive, whole community walk to raise money for Defiant Sports

<https://eequ.org/experience/11052>

Want to get suited up Santa style and join in on a festive community walk around Eastbourne's Sovereign Harbour - all in aid of the inclusive sports not-for-profit, Defiant Sports?

Then make sure to book your space at the Santa Stroll!

When: Sunday 7th December, 10:30am - 12pm.

Where: Meeting outside 4 Seasons Brasserie, BN23 5UZ

Cost: £10 per adult, £5 per child - Santa outfit included.

Scan the QR code for more info and booking!

07887 755856 info@defiantsports.org.uk





Local Clubs and Groups

You should confirm the information below before attending any meeting or event.

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR BRIDGE CLUB



Our duplicate bridge sessions are 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 website for more information.

www.bridgewebs.com/sovereignharbour/

EASTBOURNE VOICES COMMUNITY POP CHOIR



Eastbourne Voices Pop Choir rehearse every Monday evening at 7pm in the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre. This uplifting choir encourages people of all abilities to sing, with no music-reading or auditions required, and rehearsals are always fun and relaxed.

This community choir boasts more than eighty members each week, including a good number of both men and women, many of whom are from the Harbour community. Come along and enjoy a free trial session!

For more information, please visit: www.eastbournevoices.co.uk

PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB



Friendly, family orientated dinghy sailing and windsurf club, 10 minutes walk along the beach from the harbour. General sailing, training at all levels and regular club racing and social events.

We welcome beginners and experienced sailors alike and we sail at weekends and on Tuesday & Thursday evenings in the summer. Our clubhouse offers hot food and a bar at the weekends, and a sun terrace with stunning views over the bay to Bexhill and Hastings.

Do come and have a look round the club at any time or contact the membership secretary by email: membership@pbsc.eu Website: www.pbsc.org.uk

SOVEREIGN WARD COUNCILLORS SURGERY

The County and Borough 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.

HARBOUR FRIENDS



Harbour Friends is a social group of Sovereign Harbour residents, both singles and couples, who want to meet other residents, have fun and enjoy new experiences. Most of our social events are held in the function room of the yacht club on Wednesday evenings, but we also have off-site events and trips that can be on any day.

Our special events are open to members only, so why not join us for just £20 per year. When we do not have a special event on, members are able to use the main bar of the yacht club for a drink or food on Wednesday evenings from 7pm. More details about our events can be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/harbourfriends For further information or to contact us, please visit our website at: www.harbourfriends.co.uk

HARBOUR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



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, a Family History Club, a Lunch Club and a monthly Coffee Morning.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Frances Harrap on: 07914 603548
Website: www.shra.co.uk/wi

MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE



The Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) is a charity organisation which aims to promote seamanship and maritime engineering for the young and old alike through local units around the country.

Training nights are held every Tuesday evening at 19:30 in the new MVS unit within the Boat Shed.

New members are always welcome, but give us a call first so we can organise for someone to greet you. For more information, visit the MVS website or E-mail MVS or Tel: 01892-853500.

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK GROUP



SHRA posts occasional news items and information on our Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/groups/354333463873512

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR ART GROUP



The Sovereign Harbour Art Group classes take place 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, to cover 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:

www.shra.co.uk/artgroup/

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We are on Facebook and you can contact our admin on the number below for more information

[Harbour Dolphins on Facebook](#)

Mobile: 07710 538230

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR PHOTO CLUB



The Sovereign Harbour Photo Club UK meets on Tuesday evenings from 7pm over coffee, in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Prospective members of all abilities, from beginners to professionals, are welcome.

The objective of the club is to help our members take better photographs with a camera or a smartphone and to increase members' knowledge and ability through projects, exhibitions and competitions, supported by talks and demonstrations. Young photographers are 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.

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 Email: membership@shyc.co.uk

Website: www.shyc.co.uk

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR BERTH HOLDERS ASSOCIATION



The Sovereign Harbour Berth Holders Association was formed in 1999 and is RYA affiliated. The Association benefits the berth holders as well as the harbour management. Membership offers discounts from local trades people, free RNLI safety courses, workshops and other courses.

Visit the website for more info: www.shbha.co.uk

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

STREETFUNK DANCE CLASSES AT THE SOVEREIGN HARBOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE



Streetfunk dance classes are now available every Wednesday at the Community Centre. 4:30-5:30 pm for ages 6 to 8, 5:30-6:30 pm for ages 9-12, 6:30-7:30 pm for 13 years and up.

All Streetfunk's teachers are qualified, experienced, DBS checked, and covered with PLI. Book a trial or sign up today! For bookings please email: info@streetfunk.co.uk or visit: www.streetfunk.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

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 GROUP FACEBOOK GROUP



An active group on Facebook with events and commercial information from and for Sovereign Harbour residents.

www.facebook.com/groups/3184790038292777/

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR EASTBOURNE FLICKR GROUP



The Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Group on flickr is an on-line public gallery to view and upload photos of Sovereign Harbour.

www.flickr.com/groups/sovereignharbourestbourne/

THE GREENER HARBOUR FACEBOOK GROUP



A Facebook Group giving a voice to all those concerned about climate change and who would like to make Sovereign Harbour a greener environment.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3398508230472303/>

ROYAL SOVEREIGN BOWLS CLUB



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

www.royalsovereignbowlsclub.co.uk

SEA CADETS, EASTBOURNE



At Eastbourne Sea Cadets we offer skills and qualifications that could take you around the world.

We create a safe, engaging and fun learning environment that will give you memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

We meet at Royal Parade East on:
Sea Cadets (12-18) Tuesdays & Fridays, 6.45 - 9.15 pm.
Junior Cadets (10-12) Fridays, 6.45-9.15 pm.
Royal Marine Cadets (13-18) Tues & Fri, 6.45- 9.15pm.
If you want to find out more about us, visit our website
www.sea-cadets.org/eastbourne/get-in-touch
Facebook: www.facebook.com/eastbourneseacadets



12th - 14th December
More information coming soon

SOVEREIGN SHINES 2025
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER –
SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER



SOVEREIGN SHINES – COOKIE
CRUMB TRAIL
EVERY WEEKEND IN DECEMBER
UNTIL CHRISTMAS



SOVEREIGN SHINES – MARINA OF
MAGIC
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER



SOVEREIGN SHINES – CHRISTMAS
LASER EXTRAVAGANZA
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
5pm-8pm
Laser Shows 5.45 and 6.45



SOVEREIGN SHINES –
HARMONIES IN THE HARBOUR
SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
RNLI 2.30pm Rock Choir 3.30pm

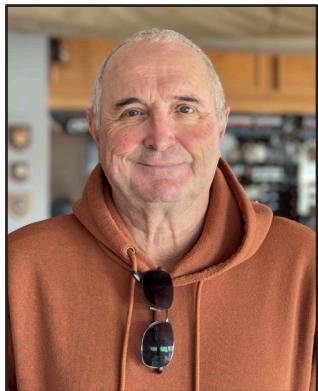


SOVEREIGN SHINES – CHRISTMAS
ARTISAN MARKET
SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
9am - 4pm

For the latest information and times check
The Waterfront webpage:
www.eastbournewaterfront.co.uk/whats-on



The SHRA Committee



Dave Rogers
Chair



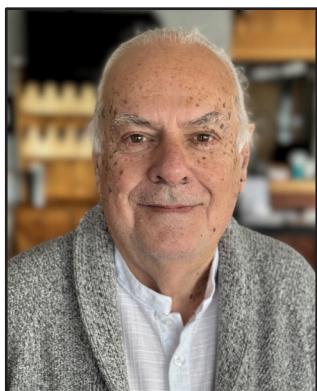
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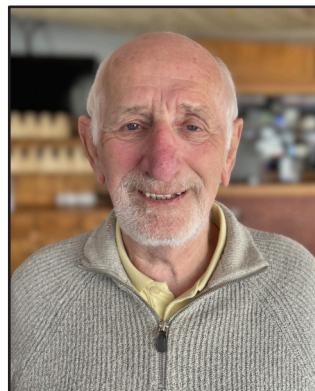
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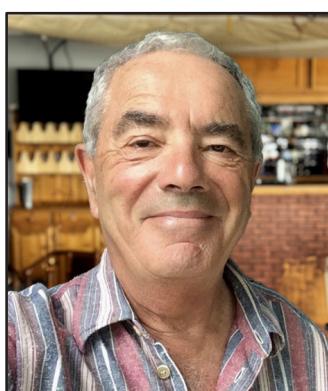
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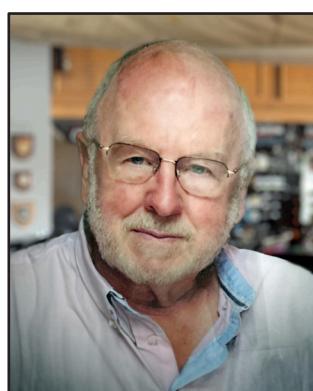
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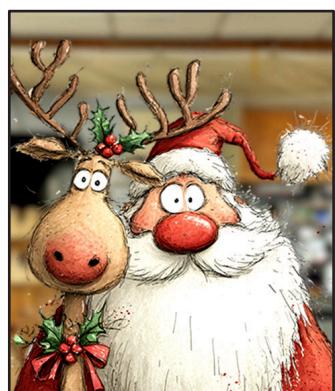
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