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Sovereign Harbour Trust And Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company (CIC) Board Vacancy.

The vacancy has now been filled – our nominated representative was unsuccessful. We await a formal announcement from the CIC.

Fishermans Quay.

Following an exchange of correspondence, SHRA is meeting with one of the Fishermans CIC directors on site to discuss the continuing untidiness of the Fishermans Quay area. There had been a marked improvement following earlier interventions, but it has become very untidy again. We hope to achieve further improvement.

The Slope by the Locks.

We've written to Premier Marinas about the new, low, wood railings that fence off the slopes near the locks and requesting they improve the safety of the steep paved path that is now the only unfenced access route to and from the curved outer harbour prom. We consider the paved slope to be unsafe even for able-bodied pedestrians, and at a very minimum being in need of handrails. We await a response from Premier. You can read our letter on the SHRA website: www.shra.co.uk/pdfs/slopeletter250826.pdf

SHRA AGM.

Thank you to the members who joined us for the AGM on 10th September. Around 100 attended and had the opportunity to question our MP and the Sovereign Ward County and Borough councillors (we thank them for attending). SHRA will add any issues raised at the AGM that were not already on our agendas for discussion at upcoming meetings with the councillors and Premier Marinas etc..

For members who were unable to attend, a note of the proceedings including the questions asked by members is available on the SHRA website: www.shra.co.uk/agm.html

Talk at the Yacht Club.

A very interesting, illustrated talk on 'Wartime In Eastbourne' was presented by Alan Wenham at the Yacht Club on the afternoon of 24 September. It was well attended by approximately 70 people, including some residents from the Maris View care home. SHRA will be making a donation to [Friends of Eastbourne Seafront](http://www.friendsforeastbourne.co.uk) at the request of Alan who did not charge for his talk. Alan has videos about Eastbourne's history on the 'Vision for Eastbourne' YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@VisionforEastbourne



Retail Park Litter Bins

We have been receiving a significant number of complaints regarding the untidiness of the Retail Park, following the Bank Holiday Monday's. You may have spotted Mandy Cox (SHRA Membership Secretary) walking around taking videos and photos.

The gentleman who cleans the car park on a daily basis, Steve, does a great job. Steve only works Wednesday to Monday, therefore on a Bank Holiday Monday the bins do not get emptied for 48 hours, i.e. not until the Wednesday.

We have written to [M&G](#) the owners of the Retail Park and their Managing Agents ([CBRE](#)) to come up with solutions. They agree there is a resolution needed, particularly during busy periods, but are yet to come up with a proposal. We will continue to monitor the situation and follow up with M&G and CBRE.

Please be assured we will not let this rest. In the meantime, we would like to thank Steve for all his hard work and efforts in trying to keep our Retail Park tidy.



Ramblers badminton club - Eastbourne

- experienced players.
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Ramblers Badminton Club - Eastbourne is a group of experienced badminton players who enjoy playing friendly, competitive badminton every Monday night throughout the year from 8-10pm at Shinewater Sports Centre, Milfoil Drive, Eastbourne.

Some pay weekly and some pay winter and summer subs.

If you'd like to join us or find out more, please contact : libbyweblin@gmail.com



Neighbourhood Watch Eastbourne



Rebuilding Neighbourhood Watch Eastbourne's Communications and Structure

Introduction and Core Message

"Bad things happen when good men do nothing." That timeless principle is precisely why Neighbourhood Watch remains as vital today as it ever was.

We live in an era where police resources are stretched thin across Eastbourne; opportunistic crime, anti-social behaviour, and local security concerns cannot be tackled by law enforcement alone.

Neighbourhood Watch is not about vigilantism or peering through curtains—it is about active community resilience, practical situational awareness, and looking out for our neighbours.

The Current Situation in Eastbourne

Following the disruption of the pandemic, key committee resignations, and the sad passing of our late Chairman, Ken Ross, active operations for the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association (ENWA) were temporarily paused.

Following a direct request from our District Commander at the last AGM, work is now actively underway to relaunch ENWA across the town, supported by Sussex Police and the Sussex NW Federation.

We have secured operational space at Eastbourne Police Station (1 Grove Road) and are transitioning to a modern, digital communication model using direct email updates via the ALERT system.

The Strategy: 9 Wards, 9 Lead Cooreighbourhood dinators

- To ensure full coverage across Eastbourne, we are establishing a clear structure: 9 Ward Coordinators—one dedicated to each of the town's 9 wards.
- I have stepped up as the Ward Coordinator for Sovereign Ward.
- Our immediate priority is to rebuild, update, and verify our local database of street-level coordinators and members so information can flow swiftly between residents and Sussex Police.

The Call to Arms (How You Can Help)

- Existing Members & Scheme Coordinators: We need you to re-register your contact details so you can be integrated into the new digital communications network.
- New Volunteers: We need residents willing to step forward as Street Coordinators for their immediate block, road, or scheme.
- IT & Administrative Support: We urgently need volunteers comfortable using basic laptop/desktop systems to assist with database management and member communications at 1 Grove Road.

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Closing Action Step

If you want to keep Sovereign Harbour safe, connected, and informed, please step forward today. Please send an email to nwa.eastbourne@outlook.com with your contact details: Full Name, Full Postal Address & Postcode, Email Address, Mobile Phone Number, Ward: e.g. Sovereign or other Council Ward, Current Status: (Existing Member, Former Coordinator, or New Volunteer)

Your details will be held securely by ENWA solely for Neighbourhood Watch communications and database administration in accordance with GDPR.

Let's ensure Sovereign Ward is fully mapped, connected, and leading the way for Eastbourne.

Phil Kearney

Ward Coordinator for Sovereign Ward
Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch - "Together, making your community a better place to live".

Unitary Authorities for East Sussex Paused

Ministers pause local government reorganisation.

Angela Rayner, Secretary of State for Local Government, has announced a pause to the process of reorganisation of local councils to review the Government's plans.

East Sussex is one of 18 areas included in the review which was announced on 7 September.

It means the Government's initial decision to create a new unitary council for almost all of East Sussex from April 2028 now goes on hold.

That plan would also have meant moving East Saltdean, Peacehaven and Telscombe from East Sussex into an expanded Brighton and Hove, despite local opposition.

In her announcement, Ms Rayner said she wanted to ensure any reorganisation would be effective, legal and in tune with the Government's ambitions to 'rewire the state'.

She also said that local elections due in May 2027 would go ahead on existing council boundaries.

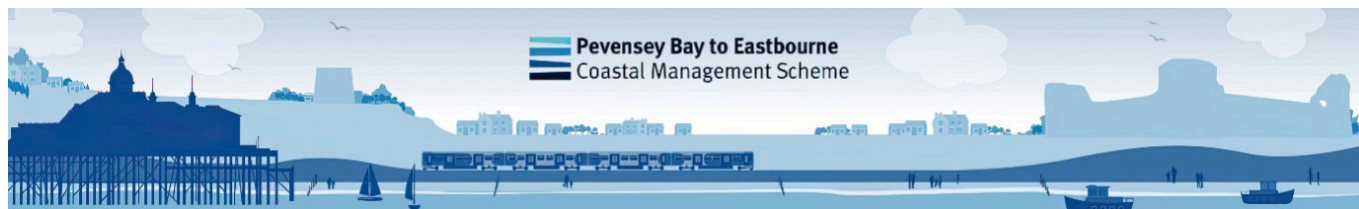
There is therefore no change to current councils or services in East Sussex while the review is carried out.

Read the full statement from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: [Review of local government reorganisation launched - GOV.UK](#)

Mayoral Authority: The broader [Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority](#) was established in March with the first regional mayor election scheduled for May 2028. Its regional framework covers strategic powers like transport, economic growth, and planning across East Sussex, West Sussex, and Brighton & Hove - the things that work best when they are planned across the wider area rather than council by council. Their website states...

"Working together with East Sussex County, West Sussex County and Brighton & Hove City councils, we want every part of Sussex to thrive - securing more funding from government and the private sector with local people getting a bigger say in how it's spent."





Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne Coastal Management Scheme. What's been happening and what's next

Short-term (2025 – 2027):

We completed safety works over the quieter sunny summer months, while also continually monitoring the beach to make sure it was in good shape for the start of the autumn/winter season.

You may have also seen some new safety signage in places, raising awareness of the historical fascines that can be found in various locations along the frontage. These timbers were installed many years ago as a former sea defence. We are in the process of exploring options to remove them in areas where the timber is exposed.



Photo: Timber fascines in the shingle

We are anticipating that the 2026/27 season maybe busier than previous years, due to a combination of El Niño and the planned, recharge, shingle imports, and general recycling work we will be carrying out.

The *Sospan Dau* is due to recharge the beach between September through to the 5 November. Operations will alternate between Sovereign Harbour and Elmer Beach, working around spring and neap tides.

Another Eastbourne shingle bypass is due to take place between the 12 to 16 October. And as the Hastings shingle recycle was so successful, we are planning another campaign this autumn from the 28 September until the end of October.

All of these planned works, along with the regular beach management work we carry out, will mean there is more activity on the beach than usual. You'll see our Beach Marshals and safety signage in place to help keep everyone safe. While work is underway, please take extra care around operating machinery and keep dogs on a lead. We appreciate your patience and support, and we'll do our best to minimise any disruption.

Medium-term (2027 – 2037):

Over the summer, you may have seen us carrying out beach investigations along the Eastbourne and Pevensey Bay coastline. We thank you for your support and patience whilst we gathered important information. The findings will improve our understanding of the coastline and the structures that help protect it, including groynes and other coastal defences. This will help inform future flood and coastal erosion risk



Photo: Beneath the surface of a groyne showing it to be in good condition



Photo: A sample of Wealden clay that will be analysed

This winter, we will share more information on the final designs for the beach improvements that will help reduce flood risk along the coastline from summer 2027. We will explain what the proposed improvements mean for the coastline, the local community and the next steps for the project.

To stay up to date on upcoming events and updates, and to subscribe to our newsletter please visit our webpage or follow us on social media for the latest news.

Visit our webpage to find out more about the Scheme: [www.
pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk](http://www.pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk)

You can also follow us on social media:

- Facebook: 'Pevensey and Eastbourne Coast'
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Eastbourne Voices Concert



Sell-out concert returns!

Two incredible choirs. 150 voices. One unforgettable night.

Sovereign Harbour's resident pop choir, Eastbourne Voices, will be back on stage on **Saturday November 7th at Eastbourne's Winter Garden**. They join forces again with sister choir, Hailsham Voices, for their collaboration concert, 'Voices In Harmony', which sold out last year.

Following the success of last year's sell-out concert, the two choirs are going bigger this year, bringing their 150+ singers to the stage at Eastbourne's Winter Garden – a venue with capacity for over 700 people. It promises to be a very special night for both choirs and their audiences.

Experience your favourite pop songs as you've never heard them before, transformed into spine-tingling harmonies, and share in the energy, passion and beauty of 'Voices In Harmony' – local talent at its very finest, which will leave you smiling and singing long after the final note. A retiring collection will be held for East Sussex Wildlife Rescue (WRAS).

Tickets cost £14 for adults / £7 for U18s and are available from www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk, the Welcome Building Box Office, or on 01323 412000. For more details about the choir, please visit www.eastbournevoices.co.uk

Become a SHRA Member

Membership of the SHRA is open to all households in owned or rented residential property located within the Sovereign Harbour estate, and owners of such residential property. The annual membership fee is £5 per person.

Join now online at:
www.shra.co.uk/join

A blue and white graphic for SHRA Annual Membership. At the top, it says 'Sovereign Harbour Residents Association'. Below that, 'Annual Membership' is written in large white letters on a blue background. To the right, a diagonal banner says 'EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS'. Below the main title, it says 'Receive discounts from numerous local businesses and restaurants'. On the right side, there is a green circular badge with '£5' in large white letters and 'Per person per year' below it. At the bottom, it says 'Join on-line with PayPal' and 'www.shra.co.uk/join'.



Discounts for SHRA Members

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

If you are a local business who would offer a discount to our members, please email us: info@shra.co.uk

Please note that any discount is offered at the discretion of the proprietors (i.e. there is no right to a discount). A typical discount is a 10% reduction. Terms and conditions may apply (e.g. only to food or eating in, and/or only on certain days or for a limited number of persons).

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- **CoCo Hair** - Hair and beauty salon. 16, The Waterfront. They require proof of a Sovereign Harbour residential address. 01323 471147 www.cocohair.co.uk
- **Curry Leaf Restaurant** - 8 Susans Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3HA. On eating-in food costs only. Tel: 01323 727900 www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-curry-leaf-old-town
- **Listening to You** - Counselling for Individuals, Couples, Families, and Young People (with particular experience of working with Secondary School Students). £20 discount for SHRA members. Tel: 07976 399 998; e-mail: tory@listening-to-you.co.uk; website: www.listening-to-you.co.uk.
- **Osteopathy** - Michael Woodleigh BSc Hons (Osteopathy) offers this therapy, which is non-invasive and highly effective. Michael offers SHRA members a free initial consultation. For details, please contact Michael on 01323 767228 or visit: www.eastbourneosteopath.co.uk
- **Pablo's Restaurant** - The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, BN21 3HA. On food costs only for no more than four persons. Telephone: 01323 470400. www.pablos-eastbourne.co.uk
- **Sovereign Harbour Community Centre** - SHRA members may receive a 20% discount from Meeting room and Hall hire bookings for their personal use. It is not applicable for business or commercial events they hold. To take advantage of the discount complete the on line booking request form www.sovereignharbourcommunitycentre.com/how-to-book and let them know your SHRA Membership number (it's on your membership card).



Cooking with Faz Razeen



Chinese Pepper Steak with Onion

Chinese Pepper Steak with Onions is an easy, fast-cooking stir-fry featuring tender strips of steak, red and green bell peppers, and white onions coated in a rich, soy sauce. Ready in just 30 minutes, it rivals any local takeout favourite.

Ingredients

For the sirloin steak:

- 1 lb preferably sirloin, sliced thin
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil

For the stir-fry:

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil (divided)
- 1 large onion, sliced or cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 green and 1 red bell pepper sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp fresh ginger, minced

For the sauce:

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tbsp oyster sauce
- 1 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 1/2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1/2 cup beef stock
- 1/2 tsp black pepper



Instructions

Marinate the sliced steak: Toss the sliced beef with soy sauce and sesame oil in a bowl. Let it rest for 10 minutes.

Mix the Sauce: Whisk together the soy sauce, oyster sauce, hoisin sauce, brown sugar, beef stock or alternatively chicken stock and black pepper in a small bowl.

Pan fry the sliced steak: Heat 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil in a large frying pan or wok over high heat. Add the steak strips in a single layer, fry for 2 to 3 minutes until browned, then remove the sliced steak and set it aside.

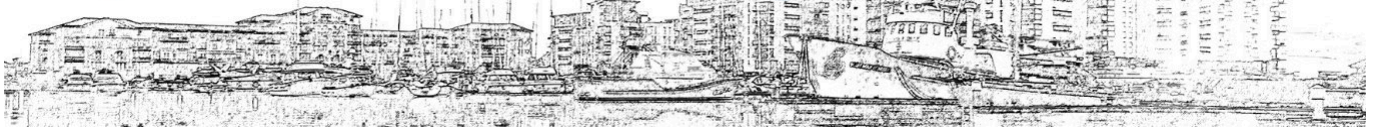
Cook the green and red peppers together with sliced onions by using remaining oil in the pan. Toss in the onions and bell peppers, stir-fry for 3 to 4 minutes until they start to soften, then add minced garlic and ginger, cook for 30 seconds until you can smell them.

Return the cooked sliced steak to the pan and pour in your sauce mixture. Stir and cook for 2 to 3 minutes until the sauce turns glossy and coating the sliced steak and rest of the ingredients. Serve it while it is hot with boiled white rice.





Sovereign Harbour Book and Creative Writing Group

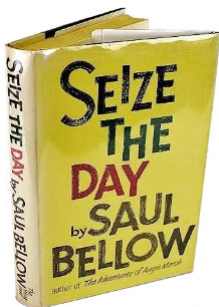
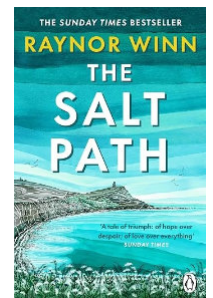


It was a new venture for the group in August, a trip to Hastings, no less! Once a year, Hastings Writers Group hosts an evening to which all the local writing groups are invited. This is usually held in Crown House in St. Leonards, but this year, the overwhelming numbers in response obliged the organisers change the venue to the White Rock Hotel.

The idea is that a representative introduces their particular club, society or group, explaining the aims and how they function and follows on by reading some examples of their work. It was a busy evening and also a very warm one. The White Rock had sufficient space, but unfortunately at the cost of poor acoustics. What we did take from the evening is that in whichever direction your specific writing interests might lie, there will be a local group for them somewhere not far away.

Early September came the prize-giving for the Sovereign Harbour Residents' Association's writing competition. The two categories, prose and poetry, had attracted an almost equal number of entries. The judges declared themselves to be pleasantly surprised by the general standard and had tough jobs in both categories to pick one from several potential winners, as well as the second and third places. Some of the winning entries will be published in *Waterlines* (see below). The SHRA committee announced its intention to have another competition next year.

So back to our regular meeting activities. Our recent reading included '*The Salt Path*' by Raynor Winn. The controversy that got so much publicity for the book, its central characters and its creation made it an interesting read. While the book had its merits, for most readers and, to a greater or lesser extent, the reading experience, was spoiled with that ominous back story never far from mind as not knowing what you were reading was fact or fiction.



For the current session's literary entertainment we are aiming to read '*Seize the Day*' by Saul Bellow, Canadian-born but considered one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century. Group opinions will be shared at our next meeting.

In August, the topic was 'It was just too hot', for September 'Something made me do it'. A few poems, but mostly prose and both generated a wide range of stories that took us in all sorts of directions. We take turns in reading out our efforts. It is rare that two writers come up with the same theme and it is often remarkable how an entire hour of our meeting has slipped past. We must be having fun! This time, we will find out the response triggered by the phrase: 'We had gone too far'.

The next meeting is on **Friday, 16 October, 11am in the Yacht Club Members' Bar**. If you are interested in joining us, then you are welcome to get in touch. Try Brenda (ejbowersuk@gmail.com) or Alan (alanturner38@btinternet.com). If you wish to drop in, pre-meeting, there will be someone to greet you at the Clubhouse door.

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Sovereign Harbour Book and Creative Writing Group

Writing Competition 2026 Winners

Prose Category

1st place: (A day in the life of) The Harbour by *Sweet Cicely*

2nd place: The Wily Mariner's Way of Beating the Curse of the Albatros by *Bittern*

3rd place: The Harbour by *Nancy Williams*

Poetry Category

1st place: The Harbour Tour by *Judy Fairfield*

2nd place: A Walk on the Beach by *SWN*

3rd place: The Harbour by *Barred Bard*



Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who took part.

The judges were exceptionally pleased with the number of entries and the standard of writing. So many of the entries were of comparable merit that choosing the winners was a very hard decision, and the final results were a close-run thing.

The first placed prose and poetry entries are published below.
With the authors' permission, selected entries will be published
in future editions of *Waterlines*.

We will run the competition again next year with a new subject.



(A day in the life of) The Harbour by Sweet Cicely.

Under the shadow of the cormorant's wings, the grey mullet mooched around the water's edge. The birds wrapped their webbed feet around the metal rails of the stairs leading down into the outer harbour. Their outstretched, drying wings gave them an almost gothic appearance in the morning mist, as if they were poised to conduct an orchestra, waiting patiently until the day began in earnest. The morning sun pierced the lingering mist. The outline of the boats resting quietly in the inner harbour, came into view in sharp and vivid colour.

The harbour's own symphony played out in glorious harmony. Hanging in the air was the chatter of the morning coffee lovers, the cries of the gulls, the chugging of the engines of the returning fishing boats, and the muffled background scraping of the chairs as the restaurants set out their furniture al fresco.

The mullet, seemingly aware that soon, they would once again become prey, swam away from the birds. Their silver bodies flashing and their dainty dorsal fins breaking the water's surface.

On the other side of the lock gates, some common seals basked on the mud flats, while out in the channel, others dived in search of their daily diet of fish and cephalopods.

Redshanks with bright orange legs probed the mudflats with their long beaks, searching for a tasty shrimp or crab. The Oyster Catcher's beak matched the vibrant hue of the Redshank's legs as it searched for sustenance. In the harbour a Black Guillemot dived for crabs, its white rump contrasting against the dark water as it disappeared below the surface. Nearby a tiny kingfisher dazzled on the large grey rocks and a white egret patrolled the shoreline.

Jane pulled up in the Crumbles car park. She switched off the ignition and sat perfectly still for several minutes, quietly in thought. She had been putting off this visit. But it was inevitable. In the footwell lay twelve, long stemmed, red roses. She had visited here so many times before, but always with Matt. They would arrive, smiling and chatting, looking forward to lunch, or a boat tour if the sun shone and time allowed. But Matt had run out of time. She was alone on her visit now, for the very first time without Matt by her side. She didn't want to get out of the car, not without him, not without their plans for pizza or Pad Thai.

Eventually she made her way towards the harbour, clutching the roses. She walked towards the lock gates, and waited there for them to open. She'd timed it perfectly. The tide was low and the air was still. She threw the roses into the water, each one carrying with it the essence of her love for her late husband. The lock gates opened and the roses headed poignantly out to sea. It was then that she took his ashes from her bag, and scattered them below. She'd promised him she'd do so, so that he could be where he loved to be, on or near the ocean. She watched the roses disappear, wiped her tears, and headed back to her car.



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She passed several cormorants sitting on floating wooden jetties, drying their wings. She stopped to stare, and for the first time noticed their green eyes and reptilian necks. She'd never taken the time to really look before, to really see them. She'd just been too busy, chatting and laughing with Matt, sliding her arm through his as they strolled and admired the yachts and cruisers.

She made her way along the Waterfront, her mission now to get back to her car. But she paused as she reached the steps leading up to Pablo's. She turned around and looked back over the busy harbour. She bowed her head and sighed. Life carried on around her, fish swam, seals basked, boats sailed, birds dived and coffee cups and saucers clattered. But for her time stood aching still. She couldn't bear to look into a future without Matt, though looking back was just as painful.

Suddenly she noticed a solitary Yale key on the pavement.

She reached down and picked it up. It wasn't on a fob or a ring – just one lonely key bearing no clues of what it could unlock.

In front of her was the Harbour Boat Tour stand. Jane changed her mind about heading back to her car, and instead approached the lady selling tickets for the next tour. 'You look like a lady ready for an adventure!' said the woman cheerily. Jane forced a smile. 'Just for one?' asked the lady. 'Yes' answered Jane, 'just for one'.

Jane boarded the boat. She reflected, that in all the times they had visited the harbour, she and Matt had never taken the boat tour. Now was the time. There and then she decided, that she wouldn't waste time putting things off anymore. Not the boat tour, not getting the garden landscaped or buying the piece of original art. All the things she and Matt had talked about doing 'one day' was now. And most exciting of all, now was the time she would start looking for a dog.

The tour boat wound its way around the inner waters and Jane relaxed into the lovely journey. It was cooler out on the water. Jane put her hands into her pockets for warmth, then felt the key in her pocket which she'd momentarily forgotten. She took it out and turned it over in her fingers. Only moments before Jane couldn't imagine herself planning a future. It had looked impossibly bleak. Now, suddenly, this key represented a future unlocked. Perhaps it was a sign, perhaps she had been meant to find it.

Jane disembarked. She smiled at the lady at the ticket stand and said 'that was indeed an adventure, thank you.'

The cormorants stood on a floating jetty, their wings outstretched, catching the last of the sun's rays before night fell once more over Sovereign Harbour.





The Harbour Tour by Judy Fairfield

Sam the seagull thought he was the finest tourist guide,
Any bird who took his tours could see how hard he tried.
He lived at Sovereign Harbour and his nest was tucked away,
He offered all the seagulls a tour around the bay.

He built an extra nest of twigs all carried in his beak,
And rented it to seagulls who were there for just a week.
If you have got binoculars then you might see his sign..
Saying: 'Sovereign Harbour Tours' up on the roof of number nine.

A seagull known as Bertie had his home in Eastbourne town,
He saw shops and traffic from his nest when he looked down.
He'd often dreamed about a lovely move down to the sea,
And so our Sam the seagull had invited him for tea.

After snacks and sandwiches they flew down to the bay,
And Sam said, "For a harbour tour it's just the perfect day,
There's our seals, we don't disturb them, as they need their rest,
And we'll be in the USA when we go down Key West.

From Atlantic to Pacific Drive, from Brisbane to Barbuda,
From Anchorage to Long Beach, Vancouver to Bermuda.
The South is very vibrant, the North is so serene,
And there's the Waterfront and the Marina in between.

The boats and ships go in and out and you can get free fish...
Or steal some chips from humans if they've left them on a dish!
There's the lovely water feature that makes the humans proud,
We can take a bath in it but they are not allowed.

Bertie, let us find a place to have a little rest,
And you can tell me what part of the tour you liked the best!"
Both the seagulls swooped and dipped and landed on a bin,
Sam fished out some crisps, while Bertie tucked his feathers in.

Bertie said, "I loved it all! - I'm going to get my wife,
And bring her to the best place that I've seen in all my life."





Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club News



We finished July with a great evening of Play Your Cards Right with our dynamic duo, Andy Strudwick and Jim Miller (right).

In August we had three live bands - Princess and the Peas, Wot's Cookin' and Overdrive. Being summer holidays a lot of our members were away, sailing or the weather tempted them to stay at home and barbecue!! So functions were a little quieter than normal.



In September we held our Deckfest event which is a fund raising event in aid of [Wetwheels](#). The Chair of the Board of Trustees of Wetwheels Foundation, Trevor Phillips, sent a lovely message of thanks to the club.

“On behalf of Wetwheels I would like to thank Paul Westwood, Vinny Deane and the Castaways, Dave 'The Engineer' Standing and Mod Legacy Band for giving their time last Saturday to entertain everyone at Deckfest. Unfortunately, I was away but have heard it was a great afternoon and evening. I would also like to thank Kim Thornewell, Bob Lawrence, Dan Peters and all the SHYC bar staff for their efforts in taking the bucket round and extracting donations from those enjoying the music which they did incredibly well – raising a total of £940 for Wetwheels. Finally a huge THANK YOU to all those that donated money. Once again this will be used to fund the boats being here in Eastbourne next year – you may well have seen Wetwheels South East back in the harbour this week running trips that had to be cancelled last time due to the weather, as well as a few extra trips for local residents.”

We had our annual Commodore's SailPast in September too. This is a traditional yacht club event. It was fabulous to see twelve boats out in the harbour - *Kestrel Warrior*, *Amazon Queen*, *Kratos*, *Safia*, *Jebbs*, *Well Plumbed*, *Ariana*, *Pleiades*, the Sea Cadet rib, *Shearwater*, *Morning Mist* and *Skean-Dhu* were decked out with colourful signal flags as skippers and crew passed the stationary flagship with Keith Bateman, our Commodore, aboard '*Jebbs*'.

Our racing fleet has had a good summer too. This last weekend three of the fleet took part in the Sussex Regatta in Brighton. All three boats competed at a very high level. Well done to all three skippers and their crews for all their hard work and taking time from their families. Nigel Pipe (*Jouster*) came first overall, Rob Martin (*Kratos*) came 4th overall and Stuart Redman (*Jump N Shout*) came 10th overall.



Now we need to start thinking about Christmas - a scary thought.

Ros Saunders
Communications Officer
[Sovereign Harbur Yacht Club](#)



Harbour Friends Social Group Update

Greetings to all Harbour dwellers.

At time of compiling his update (late September) we are still enjoying some lovely warm early Autumn weather. I am sure we are all very appreciative that we can continue with plenty of outdoor activities and are hoping that the "Indian Summer" will continue for as long as possible.

During the school summer holiday's we always scale back our events, with many members away on holiday or on Grandparent duty.

Our annual membership renewals have now been completed and as a follow on from that we are arranging new members evenings for those on the waiting list.

There were two special events of mention since last update, with the first being another visit to the Harbour Community Centre on Tuesday 8th September for a private New Age Kurling session.

20 members took part, with Juliet Williams ending up the overall winner. Sue Johnston came second and Jackie Bell took third spot. Plenty of men had a go, but could not seem to be able to match the ladies.



The second event was a Beetle Drive held in the Royal Sovereign Suite of SHYC on Wednesday 23rd September. 52 members battled it out in this fast paced dice race game, trying to draw the most beetles and accrue the most points.

Always a pretty noisy affair, but a lot of fun nonetheless with members rotating around the tables and chatting with other members. Top score of the night was 129 from Julie Wells with a 3 way tie for second place between Graham Mortlock, Karen Ames and Ann Fitzpatrick.



Bookings for our annual Christmas Party Bash and Dinner are still increasing and we are now getting close to the maximum capacity for this event. As a reminder, this will be on **Saturday 19th December at The Cumberland Hotel** with entertainment from the brilliant singer Mr Guy Sunshine.

Anyone interested in joining our group can get in touch via the contact page of our website: www.harbourfriends.co.uk.

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After signing up some more members that have been on the waiting list for some time, we very nearly managed to clear the list. Sadly, there are still left a few people awaiting places, who will of course be given priority when places do become available again.

Finally, 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

Just to let you know that there is another local Facebook page with a very similar name. Our page is quite distinctive having a cartoon whale as its logo and the full title of Harbour Friends Social Group.

That is all for this update, so thank you for taking the time to read this far and I wish you

Dave Hawkins
(HF Publicity Officer)

WayfinderWoman Celebrates National Lottery Funding.

[WayfinderWoman](#) is a women's charity based in Eastbourne, supporting women through Peer Support and community connection initiatives. It is entering an exciting new chapter after being awarded a 4-year grant of £465,882 from [The National Lottery Community Fund](#), which will strengthen and develop its local support for women.



For more than a decade, WayfinderWoman has supported women in Eastbourne and the surrounding area, and what began in a garage, has grown into a trusted local charity which has supported more than 1,000 women. The new funding will enable WayfinderWoman to develop and expand its Peer Support services, which includes individual and group Peer Support, as well as grow its Hidden Voices Project.

Hidden Voices will work to amplify the experiences of women who are often overlooked in existing data and services. By listening to women and understanding the challenges and barriers women face, the project will identify what needs to change and where better support is needed. By learning from lived experience, WayfinderWoman hopes to improve services, strengthen community support and ensure women have greater opportunities to feel heard, valued, supported and connected.

Founder of the charity, Laura Murphy, said “I’m overwhelmed with pride and gratitude as I look at how far WayfinderWoman has come. What began with my simple hope, to build a place where women feel heard, understood and less alone, has grown into an organisation that has already supported so many women. This funding means we can reach even more women, continue listening to our community, and create meaningful change.”

The charity’s approach is grounded in the belief that lived experience is a strength, and it’s this lived experience that is at the heart of their Peer Support service. Peer Support exists to bring people together to support each other through life’s ups and downs. It’s built on connection, understanding, and shared humanity.

Katie Sutton, CEO of WayfinderWoman said “This funding is a real milestone for WayfinderWoman.

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It means we can keep showing up for the women who need us, and it's a vote of confidence from the National Lottery Community Fund in our vision. It also allows us to grow well. This last year, I've seen how planned growth and change, and the adaptation that has to come with both, are possible for a small, grassroots charity.

And we're building on something equally important: that the culture we build for the women we support must be the culture we build for our own team. We give women time because we know how valuable and important it is, and we owe our staff and volunteers that same time and care. This funding means we can keep giving our people, and our organisation, time, space, and opportunity to thrive."

The charity is hugely grateful to The National Lottery Community Fund for its support, and to everyone who has supported the charity over the years, including its wonderful volunteers, and the women who have trusted WayfinderWoman with their experiences. WayfinderWoman is looking forward to seeing what this new chapter can achieve for women. For further information checkout our website: www.wayfinderwoman.org.uk or email: comms@wayfinderwoman.org.uk



Defiant Sports Wellbeing Walks



Wellbeing Wheel & Walk: Quiet Session

Day: Every Thursday

Time: 11am - 12pm. Price: Free
(dependant on speed of wheel & walkers)
Meet: Outside 4 Seasons Brasserie,
3 The Waterfront, Eastbourne, BN23 5UZ

Wellbeing Wheel & Walk Day: Every Thursday

Time: 12:45pm - 1:45pm Price: Free
(dependant on speed of wheel & walkers)
Meet: Fishermans Green Tennis Courts,
Royal Parade, Eastbourne, BN22 7LH

Interested in giving it a go? Join the *Wellbeing Wheel & Walk* WhatsApp group chat to stay in the loop: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HsIN6RVKDqx2ztfwPVy21q> Or give us a ring on 07887 755856 or email us at info@defiantports.org.uk

We hope to catch you at one of our sessions soon!

Freya Lock

Comms, HR & Admin Manager, Defiant Sports
<https://defiantports.org.uk>



Sovereign Harbour Photo Club



Well, there are no complaints from us regarding this years summer.

We had no excuses whatsoever, to not get out and about taking photos and creating some fabulous memories.

One of those things that gave us a great opportunity, was of course the 'eclipse', so some of our members duly assembled at an appropriate west facing location in Langney and the challenge was on.

It wasn't something we had tried before so it was a whole new learning curve for us all. It soon became very apparent that the only solution was to use a solar filter in front of our lenses (albeit perhaps obvious), whilst being very conscious of not causing damage to our camera sensors, by pointing them directly into the sun.

We all ended up fairly satisfied with the results and an example is shown below from George, which also happened to win Augusts photo of the month (with camera).



The other winner for August (with mobile phone), was Raj with his 'marble sky' (above).

We have had some interesting challenges with weekly topics including, 'distortion', 'vanishing point', 'local street scene' and 'mostly white'.

If any of these topics sound confusing, they really aren't and we always try to have a video tutorial in advance to give members some guidance on what they are trying to achieve and as always when we then show our results to others, with friendly constructive critique, on how there may have been room for improvement, or indeed not!

The other event for us in September (which took place on Saturday 19th), was the "Commodores Sailpast", which is an annual event for Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, where a flotilla of yachts sail past the club Commodore (Keith Bateman) up and down the inner harbour and its all quite a festival atmosphere and a great spectacle.

On the following page are some pictures I took of the afternoons events.



Effective October, we are actually initiating a new end of month regular critique evening, where members will submit one picture (which must have been taken over the preceding 5 weeks) of any subject, which we will then review in depth, to see if either we learn from member photographers expertise, or we can suggest ways in which the pictures could be improved. As always any critique is subjective and our aim, for any of our members is that THEY are satisfied with their own shots.

If you are a keen photographer and would like to learn more (we all never stop learning), please come and join us on a Tuesday evening in the chart room (1st floor bar area) Sovereign Harbour Yacht club, at 7pm. You are welcome to be our guest to see if we are what you are looking for, but ultimately you just need to be a yacht club member to join our group (as one of the activities the Yacht Club offers to members). We have a 30 minute social (with beverage of your choice of course) followed by our formal club meeting commencing at 7.30.

We are a very social and friendly group with many members who have a lot of guidance to give and experience to offer. It doesn't matter what your equipment, be it high end digital SLR or simply a smart phone (which are very capable these days). We look forward to welcoming you there. Email me, (Bob Stanborough), SHPCUK Secretary at: shpcuk@outlook.com

Bob Stanborough
(Secretary)

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SUN 13 DEC EASTBOURNE VOICES Singing a mix of songs to entertain and delight! FROM 3.30PM GIMME GIMME GIMME ABBA ON ICE With DJ Ruxxi Music FROM 6PM	THU 17 DEC IBIZA ON ICE DJ Josh Harris FROM 6PM	SAT 19 DEC CHRISTMAS BIKE FEST Bikes, riders and festive spirit! FROM 5PM EASTBOURNE VOICES Singing a mix of songs to entertain and delight! FROM 2PM THE ELFS ANGELS FROM 5PM	TUES 22 DEC SKATE WITH WICKED A spellbinding skate session! FROM 4PM
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Event's Facebook Page:
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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 Borough Sovereign Ward councillors hold a surgery on the third Saturday of the month between 10.30am to 12.30pm in the *Rustico* 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/

HARBOUR DOLPHINS



We are 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 at 8am weekdays and 9am weekends. New members welcome.

Whether you like to swim like an Olympian or just bob around, we cater for all. So do join us.

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.

SERENITY DIVERS



A BSAC scuba diving club based in Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne. We regularly dive the local wrecks, usually 2 or 3 times a week during the dive season.

Our boat is Serenity, an 8.6 metre catamaran which is a great dive platform and has a dive lift to make exiting the water easy. Members range from ocean divers to trimix qualified rebreather divers. Club subscriptions are kept to a nominal level and the only cost to dive is a share of the fuel costs for the trip.

We meet Wednesday evenings at the Yacht Club. All trained divers are welcome to call or come and meet us.

[Our Facebook page...](#)

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/sovereignharboureastbourne/

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

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If you want to find out more about us, visit our website

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SOVEREIGN DIVERS



Sovereign Divers are your local dive club. We are based at Sovereign Harbour, meet in the Yacht Club and have been established for 50 years. We have a 7.2m dive RHIB, moored behind the yacht club, with easy access to our compressor and equipment room.

We welcome divers from all agencies and people new to diving. Training can be provided from entry level through to dive leader. As well as divers, we also welcome boat handlers and dive coxswains; again, training can be arranged.

If you would like to know more, please visit our website: <https://sovereigndivers.co.uk> or email: membership@sovereigndivers.co.uk

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

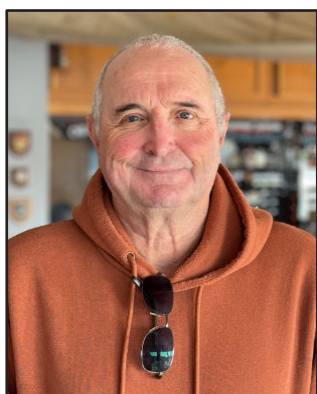
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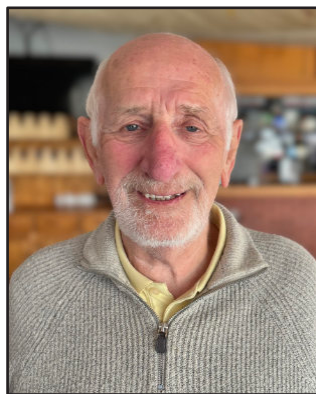
This church has been meeting in the Community Centre in Sovereign Harbour for 2 years now. We meet every Sunday at 10am. Please come and join us for the service followed by tea/coffee.



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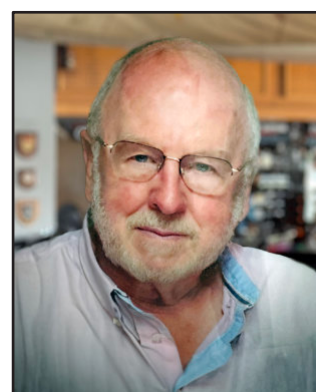
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