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Twining Charter with La Chapelle Saint Mesmin signed



The twinning charter between Newhaven and La Chapelle Saint Mesmin was signed by Newhaven Mayor, Councillor Steve Saunders and M Nicolas Bonneau, Mayor of La Chapelle Saint Mesmin on Sunday 14th

November at a special ceremony at Newhaven Enterprise Centre on Denton Island.

More than a hundred people packed into the Enterprise Centre to see the charter being signed and to drink a

toast to the twinning in award winning English sparkling wine produced by Plumpton Agricultural College.

The chair of the Newhaven Twining Association, Mr Norman Hopson, said “the twinning between Newhaven and La Chapelle Saint Mesmin has got off to a wonderful start. Links are already being formed between schools in Newhaven and in La Chapelle and sporting links are also being formed between local sports clubs. I very much hope that this is the beginning of a long lasting friendship between the two towns which will bring benefits to many sections of the community”.

Newhaven Remembers



Before the signing of the Twining Charter, both

Mayors laid wreaths at the town’s annual Remembrance

Day Service, which took place in bright sunshine at the War Memorial Green in South Way. The fine weather brought out a large crowd of local residents who watched wreaths being laid by uniformed organisations and by non-uniformed organisations from the town as well as by local school children.

M Nicolas Bonneau said how honoured he felt to lay a wreath on behalf of La Chapelle Saint Mesmin in Newhaven.

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West Beach Judicial Review

The Judicial Review into the decision by East Sussex County Council to register the West Beach as a Village Green took place at the Royal Courts of Justice in The Strand, London between 8th November and 11th November.

The arguments centred on a number of very complicated points of law, which were very thoroughly debated by QCs representing Newhaven Port and Properties and East Sussex County Council, and by barristers representing Defra and Newhaven Town Council.



No decision was made by the judge on the final day - he will now go away and make a written judgement. Unfortunately, there is another case which has recently been heard by the Court of Appeal which may have some bearing on one of the legal issues discussed and so the judge will wait to read the judgement of that case before publishing his own decision. This means that it is almost certain that the judgement will not be received before Christmas, and it is possible that it may take until

February.

CAB anxious but optimistic about the future



General Meeting .

Well attended by staff, volunteers and local dignitaries including the Lord Lieutenant, Mr Peter Field, Chair of Lewes District Council, Cllr. Carolyn Lambert and Judge Michael Kennedy QC, those present were treated to an interesting and informative talk by guest speaker, Teresa

Perchard, Director of Policy at Citizens Advice head office.

Michael Bell, Chairman of Lewes & Seaford CAB commented, "In the current economic climate the bureau expects a higher demand for its service and that will continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees and staff are looking hard at how money can be better invested in the service for the benefit of our clients. Whilst there is anxiety about what lies ahead, the bureau is optimistic about the future as it has a dedicated and highly skilled workforce of volunteers, staff and trustees and the backing and support of the district, town and parish councils."

If you are interested in volunteering for your local CAB, please contact Jackie Wilkes on 01273 477924.

"Optimistic anxiety" seemed to be the recurrent theme at Lewes & Seaford Citizen Advice Bureau's recent Annual

Introducing our new Young Mayor—Charlotte Crookston



There was a record turnout on Thursday 3rd November for the Young Mayor elections with 404 votes cast by students at Tideway School. The vote was extremely close and was won by 14 year old Charlotte Crookston, a year 10 student. Charlotte narrowly defeated election rivals Danielle Cornford and Rheannon Hewson to become Newhaven's third Young Mayor.

One of Charlotte's aims as Young Mayor is to improve services for teenagers who

are experiencing problems and difficulties by giving them somewhere to turn for advice and help.

Charlotte's first engagement as Young Mayor was to lay a wreath for the Town Council on Remembrance Sunday together with the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. She has since attended several more events and has been interviewed by Seahaven FM. She hopes to raise money for a Dyslexia charity during 2012.

New developments proposed for Newhaven

These are exciting and interesting times for Newhaven as three separate developers have submitted planning applications for major developments on the east side of the river, all involving supermarkets.

Asda/Barratt Homes (Eastside)

The first application to be submitted is a proposal to build an Asda supermarket on land at Eastside between the existing buildings and recreation ground and the Ouse Estuary Nature Reserve. The Asda store would be at the southern end of the site, with houses built by Barratts at the northern end of the site. The proposal would include the construction of the first part of the port access road which has long been planned.



The proposed Asda at Eastside

This application was submitted in May 2011 and is due to be considered by Lewes District Council's Planning Applications Committee on Wednesday 4th January 2012. The committee may make a decision to either approve or refuse the application at this meeting. However, another possibility is that the committee may defer making a decision on the application to allow all the proposed retail developments to be considered together.

Further details about the proposal can be found

at www.regeneratingeastsidenewhaven.co.uk/

Cross Stone (Railway Rd/Drove Rd)

Cross Stone Urban Regeneration has submitted two planning applications—one for a supermarket at 1 Drove Road (on the corner of Railway Road and Drove Road, currently occupied by Roche); and a separate application for a much larger site

to include the Parker Pen site in Railway Road and land between the Roche building and Parker Pen. The larger application also envisages a supermarket on the corner of Railway Road but additionally proposes a large open public square which will include car parking spaces, walkway and tree and shrub planting. The square would be surrounded by other, non-food retail shops and offices and there would be a hotel in the corner opposite the supermarket.

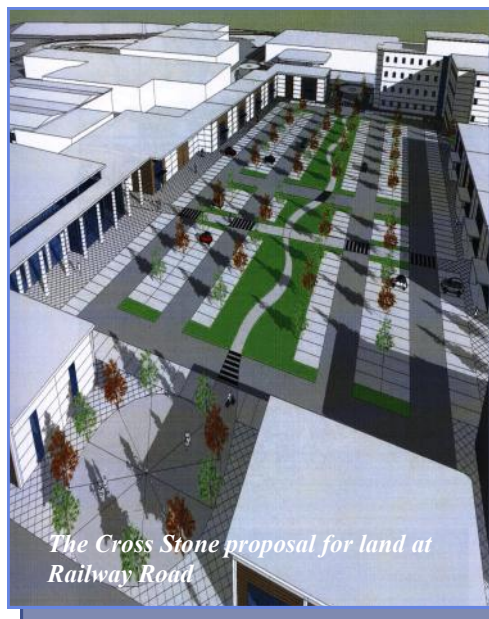
The proposal involves the demolition of Grays Nursery Annexe, but the nursery would be accommodated elsewhere on the site, close to the Eastside Recreation Ground.

The square would be accessed by vehicles from The Drove roundabout by Halfords but would be accessible to pedestrians from Railway Road, forming walking routes through to the Recreation Ground and through to Drove Road and the

Town Centre.

Arrowcroft (Railway Quay)

Arrowcroft Holdings Limited has submitted outline plans for a Tesco supermarket at the northern end of Railway Quay where the Railway Club is now. This proposal would include regeneration of the whole Railway Quay site, including the two listed Marine



The Cross Stone proposal for land at Railway Road

Workshop buildings for restaurants, cafes, shops and tourist facilities, the construction of a new passenger terminal building, the refurbishment of the customs shed, a new riverside boardwalk and a transport interchange behind the railway station.

Arrowcroft is organizing a public exhibition of their plans which will be held in January. In the meantime, you can view them at

www.railwayquarternewhaven.co.uk

All four of the planning applications can be viewed at the Town Council offices and also found on the Lewes District Council website

www.lewes.gov.uk/planning. Lewes District Council, who will be making the decision on these planning applications, welcomes opinions from the public—please send them to Planning Services, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB, or email Planning@lewes.gov.uk



The proposed foodstore at Railway Quay

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



The Town Council offices will be closed
from 1pm on Friday 23rd December 2011
and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2012

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