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This will be my last Chairman's message as my colleague Lesley Boniface will become Mayor and Chairman of Newhaven Town Council shortly.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors and the people of Newhaven for their support in what has proved to be a very difficult year for most of us. Like many of you I have lost loved ones but let us hope that with the enormous efforts of the NHS, vaccinators and essential workers, spring will be the start of a positive period for us all.

Your Town Council have been working hard during these difficult times and I would like to thank the staff on your behalf for their efforts. We have worked with Lewes District Council in bidding for multimillion pound grants from the Government and we

should know if we have been successful by the time you read this.

These grants will improve the offer in the town centre, improve recreational facilities and provide much needed employment prospects. Also, while many high street names are disappearing nationally I was pleased to see The Range has confidence in the town and will be opening next to Lidl with 85 new jobs on offer.

Once again thank you for your support and I wish you a happy and a healthy year ahead.

Graham Amy
Town Mayor of Newhaven

If you would like to advertise, have a story you would like included in future issues, or an event you would like included in the What's On section, please email Nicky Still nicky.still@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk or phone her on 01273 516100.

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NEW IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR NEWHAVEN ENTERPRISE ZONE SITE

Avis Way Industrial Estate is set to transform thanks to funding from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership SELEP's Sector Support Funding and the Newhaven Enterprise Zone.

Home to more than 100 businesses, collectively employing more than 1,000 people, Avis Way Industrial Estate is the largest industrial estate within the Newhaven Enterprise Zone and is the heart of manufacturing in the town.

The improvement plan has been developed in partnership with local businesses on the estate, many of whom are part of the Avis Way & North Quay Business Forum. The plan delivers clear actions which prioritise interventions that will enhance the business environment, including:

- Traffic movement and parking – ensuring that all traffic can move efficiently through the estate to reduce congestion
- Signage – clear wayfinding through the industrial estate with more prominent markers to identify businesses
- Environmental improvements – to make the area more desirable for employees and visitors

Rosie Lincoln, Managing Director of Lincolns Kitchens & Granite, and member of the Avis Way & North Quay Business Forum said: "It has been fantastic to be involved in this project and I am delighted that these improvements will be put in place over the coming year. The improvement plan will support businesses like mine and help make the estate a well-connected and vibrant hub of activity."

Work is due to take place through 2021 with pictures of some of the potential interventions seen in the pictures.



Town Council meetings

Normally, members of the public are welcome to attend town council meetings. And they still are – but during the pandemic meetings are being held online. The following meetings are coming up; keep an eye on our website for news of each meeting coming up, with the date and time and a link to join via MS Teams.

Tuesday 6th April
Full Council

Tuesday 13th April
Planning & Development Committee

Tuesday 11th May
Annual Meeting

NTC Computer

For those of you who do not own a computer and/or have no access to the internet, the Town Council has dedicated an existing desktop PC in the public reception area of the Council offices at 18 Fort Road.

When the offices reopen to the public, this will be available for use by residents over 18 years of age on weekdays 9am-3pm. So, if you want to access planning documents at Lewes District Council, pay a utility bill or send an e-mail you are welcome to come along and use it.



NEWHAVEN GREEN CENTRE

Spring is coming, and things are looking green in Newhaven as three local residents are planning to open a Newhaven Green Centre.

The Centre will start as a drop-off point for difficult-to-recycle things ranging from crisp packets to CDs, operating on a 'pop-up' basis. It will also have a 'share table' where people can leave small items no longer of use to them (a bag of used

envelopes, half a tin of paint etc), and pick up items left by other people.

The project's founders Hannah Reynolds, Adam Bushell and Rachel Fryer are also working to set up a Sharing Library where people can borrow things like camping equipment, kitchen equipment or games for a very low cost. And in the future, they hope to run regular Repair Cafés and skills sharing workshops as well.

They aim to be up and running as soon as possible after

lockdown ends. Hopefully you'll see them in Newhaven High Street soon at the Thursday street market.

Adam Bushell says 'By creating opportunities for sharing and recycling, we hope to help people save money as well as reduce waste.'

If you are interested and want to know more about the project or have items to donate to the Sharing Library please visit www.newhavengreencentre.com or email info@newhavengreencentre.com.

A NEW FOOD PARTNERSHIP FOR LEWES DISTRICT

A new district-wide initiative all about food is getting off the ground and it's looking for members of the community to get involved. The overall aim of the work, which has been commissioned by East Sussex County Council (Public Health) and is being hosted by the Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA), is to set up a cross-sector food partnership that will work together to improve local food security.

Food security means that all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and

nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. A bit of a mouthful!

Whilst much work is already being done to tackle food insecurity across the district, the road to a more sustainable food system – for both people and planet – involves collaboration and coming together behind a shared agenda.

So... let's talk about food!

10 years from now...imagine a food secure Lewes District - what one thing would you like to see?

Get in touch to feed your perspective into the district's food strategy.

If you're passionate about alleviating hunger, increasing the provision of nutritional food, reducing food waste, growing food, supporting local food suppliers and building food skills and awareness, food partnership coordinator, Matilda, would love to hear from you and explore how you might like to get involved. Email matilda@sussexcommunity.org.uk or connect on Twitter [@FoodLewes](https://twitter.com/FoodLewes) or Facebook [@FoodLewes](https://facebook.com/FoodLewes).





FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND AND THE SIDINGS PROJECT

Great things are happening for the fortunes of Newhaven following the government's announcement that Newhaven town centre is set to benefit from a multi-million-pound award, after Lewes District Council has successfully bid for a total of £5,504,939 from the Future High Streets Fund.

The fund was set up by the government to "renew the country's high streets" and the council's bid was developed with feedback from local consultation. It focuses on re-purposing and improving derelict and under-used buildings and spaces in the town centre so that it can offer a wider range of services for residents, as well as attracting those working or visiting the town.

This award is the latest step in Lewes District Council's

regeneration plans for the town, following the designation of the town as an Enterprise Zone in 2017 and alongside the recently submitted Towns Fund submission for up to £25m of further investment.

Work has now started on 'The Sidings' project which will create a wonderful public open space area adjacent to the river, next to the UTC building comprising initially of a café, welcome hub, rowing club facilities and storage, with the potential for more recreational and community facilities to be provided on site at a later date. It is anticipated that the work on site will be completed late May and it will be so exciting to see this development progress and be ready to be enjoyed by residents in late spring and summer.



EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER!

With the recent publication of the government's 'Road Map out of Lockdown', plans are now being hatched to bring fun and entertainment back to Newhaven. The summer edition of 'Newhaven Matters' published in June will give the dates and details for events such as the Pram Race, Gin and Fizz Festival, Newhaven Arts Festival and music events at The Bandstand. Also keep an eye out for information of these events on the Town Council's website, Facebook page and community notice boards.

THE RANGE STORE COMING TO NEWHAVEN

'The Range' is one of the fastest growing retailers in the UK with over 175 stores nationwide and will be opening a store in Newhaven this year! They stock homeware, garden products, furniture, DIY items and art supplies.

As well as being an interesting place to shop, the new store will bring employment of up to 50 part-time and 35 full-time posts which will be fantastic for our local economy, opening up job opportunities for people who live in the town and nearby, alongside broadening our retail offer. The new store is located near the 'town' railway station on Drove Road.



ST MICHAEL'S NEWHAVEN: 900 YEARS AND A LITTLE BIT!

An update from the committee on what's been happening, and what is still to come



A DONATION TO NEWHAVEN FOODBANK

We are on the third reprint of Carole Buchan's beautiful, illustrated book, *The Story of a Church, a Town and its People* (for sale in the Coffee House and 32 Seconds Book Shop). With the profits, we were able to make a donation of £400 to the Foodbank in December, which was lovely! There were a number of us there, all socially distanced; what a lovely team of people and what wonderful work the charity does for our local community in which so many find themselves unexpectedly struggling. We were told that even donations of nappies and toiletries are appreciated as well as tins, packets and monetary donations. Many local shops contribute to the Foodbank and the public can donate at local supermarkets and a few shops too.



From left to right: Bishop Bill Musk, from St Michael's; Hannah Reynolds, a Foodbank worker who has worked hard on the social media aspect of the Foodbank; John Cornish, Chair of the board of trustees at SCDA; Stef Lake, Foodbank coordinator; Rev Martin Miller, Rector of St Michael's; Myrtle Foard and Valerie Fuller, who began the Foodbank in an empty shoe shop in 2009; Penny Shimmin, CEO at SCDA; and Helen McCauley, treasurer at SCDA.

FOODBANK DONATION

Thanks to the generosity of customers and a substantial grant from head office, Sainsbury's donated an amazing £13,094 to our local foodbanks in 2020. This was in addition to the many donations of food from customers at the collection point instore and store donations of surplus food.

As the photo of the community board shows, customers and colleagues also donated £1,500 to the Fisherman's Mission

to support the families of the crew of the Joanna C.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said, 'Many thanks to everyone - we have a very generous community!'



CELEBRATORY EVENTS IN THE CHURCH POSTPONED TO JULY 2021



A Flower Festival

Please come and celebrate with us on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July, 10.00am-5.00pm and on Sunday 11th July, 1.00pm-5.00pm. This festival will be held concurrently with our...

Open Call Exhibition: an invitation to all local artists/crafts persons and poets

Creative people of any age are invited to create a piece of art or craft or poem, broadly inspired by St Michael's Church, past or present, inside or out, and its place in the town. The art and craft exhibition will run from 9th-16th July 2021. Please contact Carole or Hilary if you are planning to create something: Carolebuchan20@gmail.com or hilaryamusk@gmail.com.

Social History of St Michael's and Children's Gallery

At the same time there will also be an Exhibition of Social History, including many memories, photos of weddings and other events at St Michael's. Please contact Hilary Musk on the email address above if you have memories or photos we could exhibit. Children from Harbour School will also be exhibiting some work which relates to St Michael's Church.



NEWHAVEN TREE WARDENS...

making Newhaven green and leafy



Have you noticed how much lighter it is in the morning and evenings? How much louder the birds are singing? How many flowering bulbs are starting to peep up on the verges around the town? Aha! spring is on its way after all those dark and very wet winter days. Spring to the Newhaven Tree Wardens means that our tree planting time is nearly over. But we're never idle. We turn our attentions to planning. Our aim is to plant summer flowers, herbs and shrubs along North Way, The Drove opposite McDonalds and The Rose Walk/Church Hill grassy bank and other sites towards creating wildlife corridors and make the areas more cheerful.

Despite the wet winter (and in compliance with Covid restrictions), the wardens did manage to plant some disease resistant elms on the A259 Seaford Road (Andy, Michael & Linda on site to the right) and at the bottom of The Hollow in South Heighton during late November and early December.

Our other news is that we are very pleased to say that two more wardens have joined our merry little band and here

they will tell you a bit about themselves.

Linda: Seeing an insert for help in a previous edition of Newhaven Matters meant I could give as much or as little time to help without feeling guilty of the commitment I could offer whilst still working full time. It has been a pleasure to be involved in projects already taken on board by the Tree Wardens and still seeing trees and shrubs planted becoming firmly established and giving enjoyment to all for many years to come.

Dawn: I love trees and as we all know they are extremely beneficial to us all. I searched BN9 tree wardens to see what they were up to and I could see they share a great passion and the importance of planting more trees in our beautiful area to help balance it alongside the industrial businesses. Planting more trees is so important for our futures and generations to come. Due to current circumstances I haven't been out planting yet but look forward to doing so soon as there are some lovely little projects on the horizon.



If you'd like to join us, please email us at BN9trees@hotmail.com, tell us who you are and why you'd like to help. We can also be found on Twitter, Facebook and Messenger.

So, here's to sunnier and safer times ahead and happy planting!

WILDER GARDENS

Wilder Gardens is part of Greenhavens Network's urban wilding programme where we are asking you to join in and have fun making a difference to our wildlife by making small changes in your gardens, drives, on windowsills and even on the verges outside your house.

Imagine collectively if we could street by street give our wildlife a home!

If you are interested in getting involved with us, sharing your wildlife stories and chatting to others with similar interests and of course getting top tips, please join us at www.facebook.com/groups/430224887418049.



Email us on greenhavens@yahoo.com to receive news of the local area and what our local groups are up to.

[greenhavens.network](https://www.greenhavens.network)



NEWHAVEN FOOTBALL CLUB – 'THE DOCKERS'

One of the team managers, Alex Ladd, tells us how the club has been coping during the pandemic.

On behalf of Newhaven Football Club, I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. We are delighted to announce the first Newhaven FC Disability team has been formed for players aged between 12 and 16. They will be playing in the Sussex Disability Football League and Rampion Offshore Windfarm has very kindly sponsored them.

In December, before lockdown 3, the club were delighted with the growing numbers of supporters coming along to the club's ground at Fort Road rec, 296 being the best gate. It made for a really good atmosphere as everyone enjoyed the quality football on show. We really look forward to welcoming even more spectators to the ground when football resumes.

 **Rampion**
Offshore Wind



Have you ever played for Newhaven Football Club? Has someone in your family been part of the Club in the past? Maybe you know someone who was part of the team who won the 1st Division in 1973/1974 or the RUR Cup in 1993/1994? We are looking into the history of the Newhaven FC and are looking for members of the community to contact us with their memories of their time with the club. Ultimately we aim to list all of the teams over the many years and the players who were involved; it's a big list as the club was formed in 1887! Please contact Alex Ladd at newhavenfcmemories@gmail.com.

We really look forward to hearing from you.



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Lewes District Citizens Advice

Drowning in debt?

During the pandemic there has been a significant easing in debt collection methods with mortgage holidays, rental security and no bailiff visits; however, this won't last forever. With this in mind, Lewes District Citizens Advice is encouraging people to take advantage of their free debt advice.


Jackie Wilkes, Chief Officer, says "In the past, debt has always been one of our top enquiry issues but during the lockdown this has reduced. People seem reluctant to get to grips with their debts while some things are on hold but it is vital that people don't let things get out of control".

The good news is that debt can be managed and help is available. The first step is to check the Citizens Advice website, which can guide you

on a number of debt related issues and even has interactive options such as the debt remedy tool. You can also make contact via a webform on the Contact Us section.

If a one-to-one approach is more appealing, we have specially trained debt advisers available to help you. Our aim is to help people regain control of their finances and where possible, repay their debts at a level which is affordable, whilst allowing enough money for daily living costs. At every stage the client is in control and they make the decisions they are comfortable with.

Whatever you decide, don't put off dealing with debts until it's too late. Help is at hand – call us today.

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Citizens Advice Helplines

- Adviceline call 03444 111 444. Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm.
- Email advice www.eastsussexcab.co.uk
- Chat online to an advisor on our website citizensadvice.org.uk/contact-us.
- Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133
- Universal Credit Help to Claim line 0800 1448444.



Photo courtesy of BNC Signs

KEEP FIT, ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AND JOIN NEWHAVEN BOWLS CLUB IN 2021

New and existing players are welcome to join this friendly club, where experienced club members will help you learn or improve your game. Friendlies home and away are played

around the county, there are daytime league games and a Monday evening club game is available for those who work during the week. #letsplaybowls sessions for everyone can be arranged at a time that suits you during the day, early evening or weekends.

There's something for everyone, so this year resolve to enjoy the summer outdoors

in a friendly and Covid safe environment. An open day is planned for Saturday 15th May and the first roll up is due to start on April 24th.

More information about the club and the latest news can be found at www.newhavenbowlingclub.weebly.com. Or call 07401 663519. Also on Facebook & Twitter.

NEWHAVEN ART CLUB

Newhaven Art Club is stronger than ever with regular meetings, shows and projects and going online when necessary. The club has been a great source of comfort,

friendship and inspiration to its members during recent times.

We are always keen to welcome new members whatever their ability both online and in person when permitted. You don't have to be a Leonardo, just keen to give art a go surrounded by supportive friends who encourage you to learn and enjoy art.

Check out the club's new website for more details at www.newhavenartclub.co.uk or ring Dawn Wells (chairperson) on 01273 516792 or email us at info@newhavenartclub.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming visitors to a planned physical exhibition at The Crypt Gallery, Seaford 1st – 6th May 2021.



STATION IMPROVEMENTS ON TRACK

Artwork, landscaping and information screens are scheduled to refresh the look of Newhaven's railway stations over the coming weeks. The improvements are among hundreds of projects Southern Railway are doing right across its network to enhance passengers' experience. Many are in direct response to public consultation.

Southern, with the support of Newhaven Town Council, Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA), Southeast Communities Rail Partnership (SCRIP), the Bee Friendly Trust and Network Rail, will be improving the facilities and

decoration at both Newhaven Town and Newhaven Harbour stations.

When passengers come back to Newhaven Town, the busiest of the two, they'll benefit from more information. Southern are installing a "Summary Departures" display screen in the booking hall and a "Next Train Indicator" screen on Platform 2. They'll also enjoy new seating and planters.



On the next page you can read about the current artwork at Newhaven Harbour being replaced with new works by the youth group run by SCDA. Southern invited them to do so as their previous display at the station proved so popular. And thanks to the involvement of SCRIP, the train company are negotiating with Network Rail and the Bee Friendly Trust to improve the planting around the station.



Photos are examples of the type of customer information screens and seating to be installed at Newhaven Town.



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BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION!

The Sompriti Project is engaging with culturally and ethnically diverse communities across Lewes District. We are here to provide support and access to information, and help empower those who have been disproportionately affected by Covid-19. The pandemic has significantly impacted our lives over the last year. There have

been both positive and negative changes and experiences within the community, and we want to make sure all voices are heard.

We want to hear from you and what your experiences have been during the pandemic. Have you had any problems getting/accessing information? What are some changes you would like to see going forward? Please help us in making necessary and sustained changes for the future.

Contact the Sompriti team to see how we can help. Email Louise at Louise.Santos@Sussexcommunity.org.uk or call 07514 667094.

NEWHAVEN YOUTH CENTRE

At Newhaven Youth Centre, local young people and Newhaven Young People's Forum members have been making good progress on a mural design for Newhaven Harbour Station, thanks to a generous donation from the Southern Rail Passenger Benefit Fund. The theme was 'what we love about Newhaven and our local landmarks'. Concepts were discussed early in the New

Year and March has been dedicated to painting in sibling groups or a social bubble of two. It's been a great creative outlet during a time when many young people aren't able to engage in their usual youth club sessions, sports and hobby groups. Look out for the new mural to be on display in coming months!



FAMILY FUN STARTS HERE!

We will soon be offering a new range of courses, activities and fun family sessions with a plan to return to face to face delivery once Covid restrictions allow. From Mindfulness to Maths, Phonics to Food and a whole load more! We're exploring outdoor activities too, including a new buggy walk – a great way for parents and carers to get out in the fresh air

and enjoy a walk and a chat.

The Holiday Activity and Food programme is available for children in receipt of free school meals, so get in touch to find out more.

For more information contact ellie.cobb@sussexcommunity.org.uk, call 07796 869402 or check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Familyinformation.

The ABCs of MAKING IT HAPPEN

- Acting on what matters
- Believing in better
- Celebrating success

Have a great idea? We'd love to hear from you. LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!

- We can offer:
- Small Sparks grants
 - Advice and guidance on moving from idea to action

WHAT MAKES YOU SMILE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

Making it Happen is a community development project about discovering, celebrating and building on the positive things in our local neighbourhoods. We are working in Newhaven to support communities to come together, make the most of the opportunities and create positive change.

If three of your neighbours were willing to help, what would you love to do to make your community a better place to live? If you have a great idea or just want to talk about your community, get in touch!

Examples of projects we have supported include:

- Uniform Bank – rehoming of preloved school uniforms
- Newhaven Community Support Group – Volunteers supporting people in need in Newhaven
- Havens Happy Boxes via the Havens Community Hub - providing a box of happiness for their club members in times of isolation

We'd love to hear from you, please email makingithappen@sussexcommunity.org.uk or call 07920 526224.

A CRY FOR NEWHAVEN

Here's another cry from our talented Town Crier.
Look out for him at events coming up as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

'This is our town at the mouth
of the river,
Next to our beach, where sea-
swimmers shiver.

There is the blast of the cross-
channel ferry,
Bringing in travellers, tired and
merry.

Up on the hill, the guns
pointing seaward,
The coastal defences of HMS
Forward.

The lifeboat is scrambling!
There's danger at sea.
The brave volunteers will be
missing their tea.

The fishing fleet's docked,
preparing their catch,
Where quarrelling gulls are
screaming for sprats.

There's the alarm on the A259!
The swing bridge is opening
for ships on the tide.

Maintaining the harbour, the
dredger's at work,
Scraping the sea-bed, a giant
mud-lark.

There goes the foghorn, a mist
rolling in,
Attention all shipping – stay
safe for your kin.

There are the yachts moored
safe in the bay,
Ropes snap on masts that roll
in the sway.

Here comes the sun now, the
sea mist is lifting.
In mud banks lie wrecks of old
ships, all listing.

The light on East Pier again
can be seen,

Protecting the Channel with its
powerful beam.

Newhaven is forged by the sea
and salt-air,
A town of the South Downs,
our Sea Downs, so fair.

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THE JOLLY SAILOR

Back in the late sixties and early seventies there were some 18 public houses in Newhaven (this includes Denton, South Highton and Piddinghoe.) The challenge for stag-nighters: a half pint in every pub. Far from probable given the distances involved and closing time hours – 11.00 pm on a Friday and Saturday night. Many of these pubs are no longer here. The Sheffield Hotel, Volunteer, Newfield Arms, Railway Hotel, Crown, Harbour Tavern, Royal Oak and Jolly Sailor have either been

demolished or converted for different use.

Of all these pubs the Jolly Sailor was different. The landlord Mr Bill Sims only sold beer, refusing a spirits and wine licence. I am not sure he classed lager in the category of proper ale so it's doubtful the 'amber nectar' was ever pulled through his pumps.

The Jolly Sailor closed in 1976 and the building was threatened with demolition.

Nigel and Mallowry Cunningham, regulars at the Jolly Sailor, started a petition to stop the demolition of the building and keep it as a public house. One thousand people signed the petition which was

delivered to Lewes District Council. The building was saved but could not be re-opened as a public house.

In 1980 two local businessmen, Mike Harmen and Bob Furber, submitted a £50,000 plan to Lewes District Council to re-open the Jolly Sailor pub as a Continental-style bar-restaurant.

The plan did not go ahead, but the pub was eventually converted to 'Buttimers' restaurant by another consortium.

The Jolly Sailor was finally converted and incorporated into a row of town houses which remain today.

SUSSEX EXPRESS

11th February 1966

There is only one public house in the whole of the Lewes Licensing Division where 'beer only' is sold – and the landlord and his wife have never touched a drop of it. It is nearly 31 years since Mr. Bill Sims and his wife became host and hostess of the 'Jolly Sailor' in Chapel Street, Newhaven, and although they have been offered a spirit licence they have refused.

Why? Mr. and Mrs. Sims, both teetotallers, feel that if they had a spirit licence it would attract young and irresponsible couples to the pub. 'We warn them all that we don't sell spirits and the genuine ones are content with a beer or a shandy'. Said Mrs. Sims to an 'Express-Herald' reporter.

A cockney couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sims moved to Lewes many years ago and Mr. Sims worked for Messrs. Baxters, printers, for 15 years until he decided to enter the licenced trade.



Newhaven Museum A035P020

Neither Mr. or Mrs. Sims smoke or drink, but Bill has one innocent vice. He likes a little flutter on any sport and is an inveterate cribbage player. Some of his customers will tell you that he is not very good, but they don't say that about the beer he sells. They consider it the best for miles around.

Mr. Sims won't tell you much about himself, but when I asked about his refusal of a wine or spirit licence, he said this: 'Why should I sell spirits when a neighbouring club can sell it at less than the price I have to pay for it?'

The 'Jolly Sailor' has been in existence for some 150 years and is a picturesque piece of architecture which has been the subject for many artists, not least among them the well-known local painter, Mr. G. W. Sims, spelled with only one 'm' and no relation.

In three years time Mrs. Sims and her husband hope to celebrate their golden wedding. I would not mind having a modest flutter with Bill Sims that his wife says 'We have never had a cross word'. Mr. and Mrs. Sims have a son and a daughter. She is Mrs. Shinn, wife of Jack Shinn, the Seaford hairdresser and vice-chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.



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OurNewhaven



Our Newhaven is an easy to use website, set up in 2007 and now run by three volunteer editors. In the last 14 years it has grown into a valuable 'living history' of the town and its people.

The photo shows one of Newhaven Harbour's famous 'Terrier' class locomotives, No. 32670, built in Brighton

in 1872 and already 90 years old when the photo was taken around 1960! You can see the Christ Church South Road, later to become the site of the police station. The white wooden lighthouse in the foreground started life at the harbour entrance back in the 1860's and was relocated in the 1970's to the entrance of

Tideway School. This fragile structure stood proud at the top of Southdown Road for a couple of decades but became unsafe due to wood rot and was removed.

If you have any memories or photographs of Newhaven you can contribute on-line at [**www.ournewhaven.org.uk**](http://www.ournewhaven.org.uk) or write your memories down and leave your photographs, postcards, slides or negatives for Our Newhaven, c/o Newhaven Town Council Offices, 18 Fort Road, Newhaven. We will return your images.

The Our Newhaven website team can be contacted at **info@ournewhaven.org.uk**.

NEPT

Non-Emergency Patient Transport

Our new NEPT service, Non-Emergency Patient Transport, assists individuals attending medical appointments, whether this be at their GP surgery or as a Hospital outpatient.

We are assisting many passengers with their transport needs to Covid-19 vaccination appointments throughout mid and East Sussex 7 days a week



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NEWHAVEN WELLBEING CENTRE LOOKS FORWARD TO 'STARTING AGAIN'



New centre co-ordinator Rachel Heavens-Pooley shares plans for reopening with us.

Spring is definitely in the air and we are beginning to feel more positive about 2021. Spring is the season to cleanse, start again and initiate new plans and ideas and we are eager to open our Centres once again with renewed vigor!

During this second lockdown we have continued to support clients by phone and virtually with online groups. Our Centre is still closed for face-to-face support and at the time of writing we are awaiting

guidance regarding government road maps to be able to open the Newhaven Wellbeing Centre again. We will approach this in a careful phased way compliant with government health guidelines. We want to ensure it's safe for clients and staff and we have been making time to plan some new groups and innovative ways of working once we are open.

We understand this has been a challenging time for us all and especially our clients not having regular in person support but we hope to announce opening very soon.

In the meantime we have a menu of groups that can be joined online across all our Wellbeing Centres and we encourage you to participate. We also welcome any ideas you may have for this year, please do let us know.

All groups can be found on our Southdown Newhaven Wellbeing Centre Facebook Page with the relevant information on who to contact

and how to login.

As always we are taking new referrals even whilst the Centre is closed. You can download a referral form from our Southdown website: www.southdown.org/WellbeingCentresESCEN.

Click on Get help - Find a Service - Wellbeing Centres and that will take you to the referral form which is downloadable at the bottom of the page.

Once you refer we think carefully about the support we can offer and guide you to create goals to empower your wellbeing.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Newhaven Wellbeing Centre team

Please call us or email if you have any questions.
Tel: 01273 517641 email: newhavenwellbeingcentre@southdown.org



COMING SOON...

DENTON COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Denton Community Challenge, normally held in June, will this year be on Saturday 17th

July, after restrictions end (hopefully!) The committee is busy planning another day to remember, full of family fun and activities to keep the kids happy.

This year's event is called 'Dentokyo' in honour of the postponed 2020 Olympic

Games in Tokyo. The all-inclusive family fun day will be held at Avis Road Recreation Ground in Denton, Newhaven from 1pm - 5pm.

Look out for more details in the summer issue of Newhaven Matters, and keep an eye on Facebook for the latest news.



Newhaven and Peacehaven u3a – *the University of the Third Age*

The first National u3a Day is on Wednesday 2nd June to celebrate and promote the incredible resource we have in older people – retired, semi-retired or no longer raising a family. Look out for details of events to be held locally. You will also be able to access virtual activities on the day – keep an eye on the website below.

Newhaven & Peacehaven u3a is home to a number of activity groups. During the restrictions some groups have continued to operate via virtual meetings. Costs are nominal

and members have continued to enjoy talks online on varying topics. Groups share interests and skills such as photography, singing, music, art, books and card games.

Would you like the opportunity to make friends and stay active? Newhaven & Peacehaven u3a would love you to join them. Monthly meetings are a good opportunity to socialize, where there might be a speaker or entertainment followed by refreshments and a raffle. You can sign up for theatre trips, outings or even start a new

group or expand one currently running.

Volunteers willing to assist at meetings are always appreciated, and a committee ensures that all things are carried out with compliance.

Get in touch to find out more:

Contact: Sharon Ahearn
01273 589953

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S NEWHAVEN BRANCH CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY!

Ann King, Chairman of the Newhaven RBL tells us about the commemorations they are planning for their 100th year as a branch.

Our branch was founded on 21st June 1921. Everyone knows that each year we play a large part in the Remembrance Day commemorations in Newhaven, but did you also know that we

are busy throughout the rest of the year? We hold a craft and book stall to raise money for the Poppy Appeal at various events, such as the Armed Forces Day held annually in Seaford, the Newhaven Fish Festival and the Newhaven Christmas Fair. Our Branch and Standard Bearer also attend other events if we are invited.

We are planning to hold a thanksgiving service at St Michael's church in June, after which we will be unveiling a Plinth at the Memorial Green in South Way to mark this very special occasion (all depending on what restrictions are in place at the time, of course).



Pre-pandemic, we met on the first Thursday every month at Newhaven Social Club, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. When safe to do so, we plan to resume meetings. All are welcome, so if you would like to join us just call 01273 514258 and we will hope to see you there!

Egrets Way
Piddinghoe 1.5 miles
Peacenhaven 2.5 miles



THE EGRETS WAY IS ON ITS WAY TO NEWHAVEN

The Egrets Way Project, which began in late 2011, aims to connect the towns of Newhaven and Lewes and the villages in between with a safe, shared network of routes in the Lower Ouse Valley for use by cyclists, pedestrians and other non-motorised users. To date nearly 5 miles of surfaced path have been constructed in 4 phases.

Riverside Park, Newhaven to Piddinghoe, the 5th phase, was scheduled to begin in early 2020 but was delayed for the reason we are all familiar with – COVID-19.

However, the project is now well underway with funding in place, landowner discussions progressing, land surveys and ecological studies being carried out, and engineering designs taking shape.

The Egrets Way Project team have been in consultation with representatives of Newhaven Town Council, Lewes District Council, the Friends of Riverside Park, Piddinghoe Parish Council and East Sussex County Council. At the time of writing the team hopes that contractors will soon be on site to begin the process of

clearing the way for extending the existing surfaced path in Riverside Park toward the river and continuing northward, running parallel to the base of the riverbank to Piddinghoe.

If all goes to plan, construction will begin this summer and the newest section of the Egrets Way will be open soon after for all to enjoy!

For more information about the Egrets Way Project, please go to:
www.egretsway.org.uk.

NEWHAVEN YOUNG MAYOR'S RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Our Young Mayor, Ted Packham, was busy during the recent lockdown! Fitted in around his online studies, he visited nursery workers, Bickerstaffs, the refuse workers, firemen, garages and the food bank in Newhaven, giving them all a little treat to say thank you for all their hard work over the past 10 months.



50 YEARS OF WILDLIFE RECORDING AT CASTLE HILL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Steven Teale, Friends of Castle Hill LNR and Greenhavens Advisor

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the earliest wildlife record held for Newhaven's Castle Hill Local Nature Reserve (LNR). On 23rd May 1971 a gentleman named R.D. Dumbrell surveyed the rabbit-nibbled turf along the clifftop, saw a species of soft-winged flower beetle called *Psilothrix viridicoeruleus* and made a note of it to share with others. A visit to the same area this May would reveal the same colony of little iridescent green beetles thriving and crawling amongst the cushions of thrift.

Castle Hill LNR didn't exist when R.D. Dumbrell made his visit; the land was just a stretch of chalk and heathy grassland along the cliffs with a stunning view of the sea and Seaford Bay. It wasn't designated as a nature reserve until 1999. The intervening years saw a threat of development hanging over the Hill until a group of enthusiasts sought agreement from Lewes District Council to safeguard it for its geological and wildlife values.

The land at Castle Hill LNR has attracted many wildlife experts and enthusiasts during the past fifty years. Their records have helped to make it the most studied wildlife site in the town and helped support the effort to create the nature reserve itself 22 years ago.

R.D. Dumbrell and the many other wildlife recorders have collected tens of thousands of records almost annually since 1971 and have found over 1700 wildlife species, with new species being added every year. Over one thousand insects alone have been found there.

Wildlife enthusiasts from the Friends of Castle Hill have been closely surveying the nature reserve since 2008, each focusing on different groups of plants or animals. One such group member, Neil Greenaway, has been birdwatching most weeks and noting the species and numbers of his observations. His visits have amassed a list of 4000 records, comprising 145 bird species. This winter his records have been added to the reserve's database and shared with the Sussex Ornithological Society and Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre at Woods Mill.

Reading through Neil's yearly records paints a fascinating picture not only of our resident species, but also of winter visitors, spring and autumn passage migrants, sea birds, littoral and terrestrial species.

The list also contains critical observations of nesting birds and shows how bird numbers swell during the season as migrating species arrive



Psilothrix viridicoeruleus (soft-winged flower beetle) © Peter Varnham

at or pass through the reserve, and as juveniles fledge their nests. These numbers are valuable now, but they will be priceless in another fifty years when comparing future bird populations. Last year Neil added Great Skua, Wood Warbler and Ring-necked Parakeet to the site list, but he did not see a single House Martin.

Our birds are mostly in decline. Neil's effort demonstrates how one person can make a huge difference to our understanding of this and how Castle Hill's birds fit in with the bigger picture.

Watching wildlife is fun and relaxing; recording it provides evidence that a place is worth conserving for wildlife and people. If you record any wildlife during your visits to Castle Hill or elsewhere, please share the details on the iRecord website (www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/).



Wheatear © Peter Varnham



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SAILHAVEN

A message from the team

We are very lucky to live so close to the sea. But who hasn't dreamed of getting out there, to experience the wind and spray on your face, learn new skills and sail as a team while leaving all your worries on land?

Sailhaven is a Newhaven based non-profit organisation. Our

goal is to offer sailing tasters, basic tuition or simply help you create memories with your loved ones out at sea, free of charge.

To make this dream possible, we are restoring our 1961 mahogany built 29 foot yacht. Although she still needs a lot of work, we are actively rebuilding her with the help of a dedicated team of volunteers.

Very soon, we will be looking for additional volunteers

ranging from experienced skippers willing to share their passion, to wood lovers happy to help us keeping her in a pristine condition.

Better days are just around the corner. In the meantime, please follow us on Facebook at "Sailhaven project" or get in touch at sailhavenproject@gmail.com. You can sponsor at www.sailhaven.org.

Let's give everyone a chance to sail!

EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR TIDE MILLS PROJECT

Plans for the Tide Mills Project and its celebratory week, which will run from 20 – 26 September 2021, are coming together. This exciting scheme has been devised by LYT Productions and is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England and the South Downs National Park.

Just some of the visual arts planned for the celebratory week include a VR/AR (Virtual Reality/ Augmented Reality) landscape to explore both on-site and remotely; a giant metal water wheel featuring flora and fauna connected to the site, and an installation with sound at the Chailey Marine Hospital site. A scaffold

structure with LED Pixel mapping and lighting effects will recreate the mill, and a light piece will represent the mill pond filling and emptying.

Animated characters from Tide Mills' past will feature on screens at the now redundant Tide Mills station, and 20 willow horse sculptures will appear to move in giant zoetrope structure. The stationmaster's cottage is being reconstructed as a theatre set, which will be brought to life by performers.

Over 400 local children have been provided with kits to make woven ghost-net circles, which will be woven together onsite, and a pop-up bakery and a piece inspired by the original pineapple pit reflect food linked to Tide Mills. Photographs from the project will feature in a printed booklet to be given to participants.

Illustrators:
Iggy Goddard
and Li Lord



Find out about all this and much more – including details of participating artists and fascinating stories from the history of the site – at the project's newly launched website: www.tidemillsproject.uk.

What's On.

1st April – 30th June 2021... subject to Covid-19

NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN U3A



Newhaven & Peacehaven u3a have kept in touch with each other with monthly meetings on Zoom, a monthly newsletter and by phone. During Covid, the Art Group,

Discussion Group and Ukulele Group are still operating using Zoom or other means. If you are interested in joining us, or would like to find out more, contact Sharon on 01273 589953.

KNIT AND NATTER



Monday afternoon meetings are currently suspended but may resume in April. Normally the group meets at the Hillcrest Centre on Mondays from 2 – 4pm. Contact: Jackie Gordon 07434 588503.

FRIENDS OF TIDE MILLS

A message from Chairman, Jim Skinner: "Meetings are currently suspended but (at time of writing) we hope by the Spring we may be able to dust ourselves off and restart again.

I know that a few of us are continuing to keep an eye on Tide Mills and doing some litter picking in the process. I would like to express my appreciation to not just our members but other visitors who are also actively doing their bit for this fantastic open space on our doorstep during this very frustrating time for us all."

DENTON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



We hope to resume our fortnightly meetings, anyone who is interested in joining us can learn more by phoning 01273 514482.

QUALIFIED REIKI & SOUND HEALERS



We plan to continue to offer monthly Sunday afternoon Sound Baths as well as restart our weekly Yoga classes:

Tues 13 April

Yoga for 70+ (10-11.30am)

Wed 14 April

Progressing in Yoga (7.30-9pm)

Thurs 15 April

Yoga for Mixed Abilities (10-11.30am)

Sensational Therapeutic Relaxing & Re-energising Sound Bath Experience in a beautiful Yoga Studio with all equipment provided, 2.30-4pm. Delivered by Qualified Reiki & Sound Healers, Mike & Janet Bond. Indulge yourself in some "Quality ME Time". Advanced bookings recommended as places limited to a maximum of 10 participants. Call 01273 512306 or email samtosha4u@btinternet.com samtosha4u.com.

NEWHAVEN BOWLING CLUB



Our annual open day is on Saturday 15th May:

#Letsplaybowls Try It Out Day from 10am until lunch.

Have you ever fancied trying your hand at Bowls? This is your opportunity to have a go. All equipment is available, just bring some flat shoes or trainers. Light refreshments will be available. Day will take place with COVID safe arrangements in place.

We are looking for new members, from beginners to experienced bowlers. Our membership is of all ages and we play matches at Newhaven and away clubs between Southwick and Eastbourne.

There is an excellent clubhouse with changing facilities and a kitchen to provide light refreshments during matches.

Please check out our website www.newhavenbowlingclub.weebly.com for more information. Contact the new member hotline 07401 663519 for more details. We are also on Facebook & Twitter; search for Newhaven Bowling Club.

NIPPERS



NIPPERS at East Side Social Centre
(email: nippers1973@outlook.com)

After school club 1st, 16th-30th April; 4th-28th May; 7th – 30th June; 3 – 6pm daily, collections from local schools.

Holiday playscheme Easter 6-9th April and 12th-16th April; Spring half-term 1st-4th June, 7.30am – 6pm daily, various sessions available.

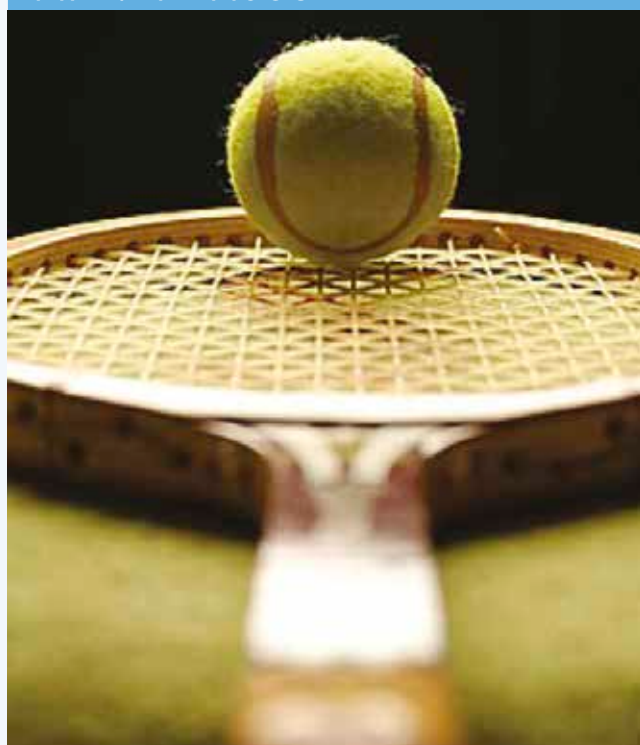
DENTON CHURCH



We are planning to celebrate Easter and would love you to join us. For all details: www.dentonchurch.co.uk email: dentonparishchurch@gmail.com.

Tel: Louis Wilson
01273 514319

NEWHAVEN TENNIS CLUB



The Club hopes to offer the following sessions and activities to its members and non-members (who are considering becoming members). Please contact Bob 01273 512162, or email: mailrkjackson@yahoo.co.uk for all membership & coaching details. All ages welcome. All one-hour group coaching sessions for juniors cost £4.00 (non-members pay an additional £2.00). These intended sessions will only start provided the government & LTA restrictions are lifted.

Open Days in May & June (dates tba): families welcome; equipment provided.

Every Saturday

Two junior coaching sessions; 9.00am & 10.00am start
Adult club sessions 1.00 - 5.00pm

Every Sunday

Mix of adult and junior coaching 10.00am – 1.00pm

Every Monday

Two junior coaching sessions (starting 19 April) 4.30pm & 5.30pm start

Every Tuesday

Adult club sessions 1.00pm-4.00pm

Every Wednesday

Adult club sessions 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Club Members can use the courts any day of the week during daylight hours.

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