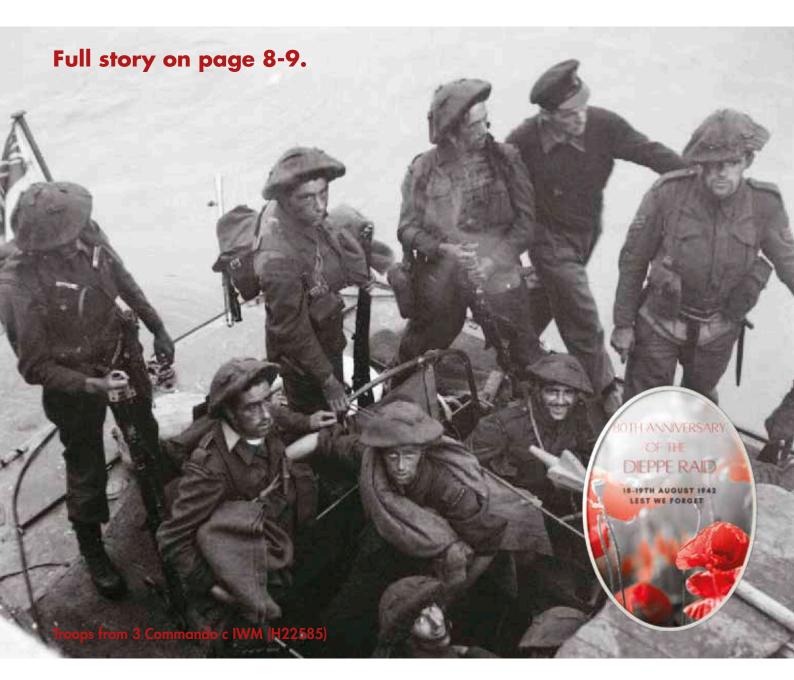
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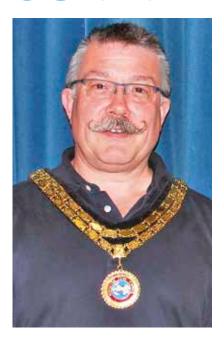


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SUMMER 2022



Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of Newhaven Matters - your local magazine about our lovely town.

I'm very honoured to have been given the opportunity to serve the community again as your mayor for a 2nd time around and I'd like to say a big thank you to our immediate past mayor, Leslie Boniface for her sterling effort last year especially with everything the country has had to endure.

Summer is here and I do hope you're all enjoying everything Newhaven has to offer. The green spaces, the beach (even if at present it's only the stony one) and all the community events laid on by the various organisations in the town. In conjunction with the new Deputy Mayor (Councillor Pinky Mclean-Knight), we'll be holding some fun events details coming soon - plus of course representing the town both here and in France for the Dieppe Raid Commemoration. I look forward to saying hello to as many of you as possible during the year ahead. So for now, enjoy the sunshine and don't forget the factor 30!

Cllr. Paul Boswell 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 Steph Georgalakis steph.georgalakis@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk or phone her on 01273 516100.

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Town Council meetings 2022

As members of the public, you are welcome to attend Town Council and Committee Meetings, either in person or via the MS Teams.

Information on each meeting will be published on our website, including the MS Teams link as we approach each meeting. For further information, please visit www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk or email admin@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

Tue 19th July Planning & Development Regeneration & Strategic Development

Tue 23rd August Planning & Development

Tuesday 20 September
Planning & Development
Environment & Amenities

Tue 11th October Planning & Development

Tue 18th October Full Council

Tue 25th October Planning & Development

Tue 8th November Regeneration & Strategic Development Promotion, Partnership & Finance

Tue 22nd November Planning & Development

Tue 13th December Environment & Amenities Promotion, Partnership & Finance

Tue 20th December Planning & Development

Handing on the Mayoral Chain

New Mayor & Deputy Mayor Elected for Newhaven for 2022-2023



During the Town Council's Annual Meeting which took place on Tuesday 10th May, former Newhaven Town Mayor, Cllr. Lesley Boniface handed over the Mayoral Chains of Office to the newly elected Mayor, Cllr. Paul Boswell.

A well-known face around Newhaven, Cllr. Boswell was first co-opted to the Town Council over ten years ago and this is the second time that he has held the Mayoral position.

Mayor Cllr. Paul Boswell said, "Having been a local councillor for at least the past ten years, I'm honoured to have been selected to serve as mayor for a 2nd time. During the coming year . . . I would like to bring back some events to our town. The pram race to name but one. I also plan to hold a 'clean up' day in the Autumn and will be calling for volunteers to help litter pick on the principal areas around the town centre. My chosen charity for the year is Havens Community Hub and soon we'll be letting you all know how you can help us to help them".

His Deputy will be Cllr. Pinky McLean-Knight who replaces former Deputy Mayor Cllr. George Taylor. Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mclean-Knight said, "I am so very proud and humbled to have been voted in as the first Independent Deputy Mayor in Newhaven for some time. I am looking forward to working with Cllr. Boswell whom I have known for some years. Those who know me, understand that I have a very great passion for this town, and it's been a tough couple of years with some bleak outlooks. My wish is to continue to contribute to long term stronger mental health, raise up & bring together Newhaven's diversity whilst lighting up the towns collective community spirits this year! Watch this space!"

Should you wish the Mayor or Deputy Mayor attend your event, please email admin@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Cllr. Lesley Boniface and Cllr. George Taylor for all their hard work over the past year. During Cllr. Boniface's term as Mayor she supported many local community groups, including Young Creatives, Just Friends, Nebula, Ignite, Futsal and Affinity.





▲ Pictured left to right: Tim Bartlett and Ellen Miller from Lewes District Council, Councillor James MacCleary, Councillor Zoe Nicholson and Sam Buckland, Sussex Flow Initiative Project Officer at the Sussex Wildlife Trust during a visit to Hoath Wood in Newhaven to find out how leaky dams are helping to address flooding in the area.

Council launches plans that will 'make a difference' across district

Lewes District Council has embarked on an ambitious and far-reaching programme of community projects that will see a host of new developments and improvements across the district over the next 12 months.

The projects include a renewal of play areas, new sports facilities, green initiatives that will increase biodiversity in the district, tackle the impact of climate change and help the council become carbon net zero by 2030. There will also be greater access to the countryside, a new wetland and wildflower meadows created, more tree planting and enhancements in local parks and gardens.

Councillor Zoe Nicholson, Leader of Lewes District Council, said: "I am obviously delighted that the plans we are announcing today will make a difference in communities all over Lewes district.

"These are very tough time for many residents and as a council we will do all we can to help, that includes investing in our play areas and green spaces, which everyone can enjoy."

This week councillors visited Hoath Wood (pictured) to see how council officers are working with the Sussex Flow Initiative, a partnership including Sussex Wildlife Trust, to implement natural flood management measures such as leaky dams, to reduce the risks of flooding

during prolonged periods of wet weather.

Councillor James MacCleary, Deputy Leader of Lewes District Council, added: "It was great to see how our officers and our partners are using natural resources in Hoath Wood to slow down the flow of water. Flooding has long been a problem for residents in this part of Newhaven and it's brilliant to see action to address that while remaining in absolute harmony with the woodland environment. I am also very excited to see local play areas being upgraded across the district. As a dad with two young children, I know how important these facilities are to parents. It is these sorts of investments in our community's future that make me proud of the work our Alliance has done since taking over the council in 2019".

The council is developing a website where residents can visit and see all the initiatives that will benefit local communities.

Councillor Chris Collier, Cabinet Member for Performance and People, said: "The Cooperative Alliance has the health and wellbeing of all communities in the district at the heart of everything we do.

"It is heartening and a source of great pride for me and all my colleagues to have funded a raft of projects that will bring so many different benefits and enhancements to the district".



The GuestHouse Storytellers

Storytelling for Adults

The GuestHouse Storytellers are back at the Hillcrest Centre on the second Tuesday of each month (except August when we take our summer break).

Storytelling is a live activity, relying on the relationship and feeling of community created by being in the same room together. After the two years of being deprived of the closeness with friends and family, people have flocked back to share

their personal stories as well as stories that have gained a new resonance from the changed world we're living in. It seems that there is a real need and comfort in coming together again as a community to relish the wit, warmth and wisdom that stories bring.

JULY CHARITY EVENT

On Tuesday July 12th we are holding a charity event benefitting two charities for refugees, "The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group", which works to improve the welfare and well-being of people held in detention by offering friendship and support and advocating for fair

treatment, and "A Thousand for a Thousand", which pools small donations from hundreds of people to provide housing and other support to migrants who would otherwise be destitute. The full ticket price of the event will be divided between these two charities. We will also be serving snacks prepared by Manal, a local Syrian refugee, for donations.

After the summer break we'll be back in September. All our events feature in the listings in this magazine. Come and check out what storytelling for adults (12+) is all about.

Everyone is welcome!



NEWHAVEN FESTIVAL

Keep an eye out for a rolling number of events during Artwave www. artwavefestival.org this September in Newhaven! The first 3 weekends of September will have open houses and spaces as well as the return of favourite Newhaven Festival events.

Our community festival, (programme still in progress at the time of going to print) supported by Newhaven Town Council and Creative Newhaven, will have walks, talks, workshops and exhibitions. Music and poetry, and all housed at our wonderful venues that we have in our town.

The Hillcrest Centre will host a talk on how to look at a painting, women in business, dream architecture for Newhaven, shanty singing, and a poetry workshop led by kin'd & kin'd.

Chalk up the Town will happen once more in the Town Centre and St Michaels Church will be part of a drawing project that will reach across our whole community.

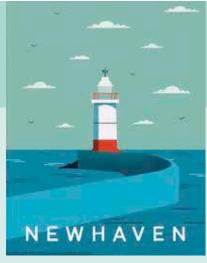
Salon 69 returns and we welcome the Living Coast VR Under Sea Experience.

Watch out for a competition and even (cross fingers) the return of the amazing vintage fashion show.

All listings will appear as they are confirmed along with ticket links on the website www.newhavenfestival.co.uk.

Follow us on Instagram

@newhavenfestival where we



will also be promoting all the wonderful things happening in our wonderful town.

And come and enjoy the first event Bar at the Bandstand! July 23rd, with a family session and an adult session. LOTS of live music, Sussex drinks and yummy food. Including a makers market courtesy of The Makers Directory www.themakersdirectory.co.uk.

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OPERATION JUBILEE

August 19th will be the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid

The war wasn't going well in the early Summer of 1942. Hong Kong and Singapore had fallen to the Japanese, our Eighth Army in North Africa (The Desert Rats) had been driven back into Egypt and the Russians were fighting for their lives at Stalingrad and were agitating for some action by the Allies to relieve the pressure on the Red Army. Angry crowds, in London and other cities, urged on by the press, were demanding a "Second Front" and an end to our long succession of withdrawals.

Against this backdrop plans were drawn up for a largescale raid on the French coast with attacks at five different points on a 16-kilometre front with the port of Dieppe being the main target. The troops involved would total 6100 of whom about 5000 were Canadians, the remainder being British Commandos and 50 American Rangers. The Canadians who had been straining at the leash for some time in their training camps in England (many were

Extract from Len Patton's story before leaving Newhaven

At the beginning of July, we loaded our tanks and men of the Calgary Tank Regiment and sailed from Southampton to Newhaven where we berthed in a tiny estuary called Sleepers Hole in which the entire LCT flotilla squeezed in twelve abreast. There was no leave allowed and from July 3rd we remained there fully loaded for several days.

billeted in Newhaven) would form the force for the frontal assault on Dieppe itself whilst the Commandos would be responsible for silencing the German coastal batteries to the east and west of the port.

The raid, code named Jubilee, was to include the landing of specially modified tanks and was supported by a naval force of eight destroyers and 74 allied air squadrons. After several revisions of the plans and a delay due to bad weather, the attack took place on August 19th 1942.

It was a disaster



Commandos return to Newhaven
 Newhaven Museum A319P052

As the assault force approached the coast of France in the early morning it unexpectedly encountered a small convoy of German ships. The noise of the sea fight which followed fully alerted the enemy coastal

We had about fifty Canadian soldiers together with the tank crews aboard who during daylight were forbidden, for security reason, to show themselves above the canvas covering. At night we were allowed to come up on deck. The conditions in the tank deck were terrible as it was the height of summer. One evening, to entertain us we were shown a film in one of the dockside warehouses. The film called 'Dangerous Moonlight', was a real tearjerker and not at all appropriate given the

defences so that when the troops landed, they were subjected to withering machine gun and mortar fire from well-placed defensive positions. The main force of Canadians was pinned down on the beaches, the tanks were unable to manoeuvre on the shingle and a breakdown in communications resulted in reinforcements continuing to be landed into a hopeless situation where they could neither advance to their objectives or withdraw. Eventually, after heavy casualties, surrender was the only option.

By early afternoon Operation Jubilee was over. There had been some successful actions. The commandos had been able to silence the heavy coastal batteries thus minimising the shelling of the landing craft and small forces of Canadians had moved forward from the beaches but were unable to achieve their objectives.

Of the 4,963 Canadian troops who embarked for the operation over 900 lost their lives and 1,945 were taken prisoner. Only 2,210 returned to England. The RAF lost 105 aircraft and the RCAF loss was 13 aircraft.

seriousness of the forthcoming operation.

On 7th July we were told the operation was to be abandoned and we returned to Southampton where we were given leave.

On our return from leave we sailed almost immediately for Newhaven again. This time our ships were empty.

During the evening of Monday 17th August tanks from the Calgary Tank Regiment stationed at Seaford, made their way through Newhaven and down towards the loading hards in the harbour area. Under cover of darkness the tanks were loaded. In total we carried four Churchill tanks and a bulldozer.

By the morning of Tuesday 18th August loading had been completed and final embarkation of personnel began. In Newhaven harbour, embarkation of Commandos and other personnel began in their small landing craft (LCPs) called Eurekas.

On the evening of Tuesday 18th August our tank landing craft flotilla sailed at dusk from Newhaven harbour. At 11.30pm the Shoreham and Newhaven forces met and headed towards a channel in the German minefield.

Return to Newhaven

Operation Jubilee was over and the survivors were on their way back to Newhaven, the designated casualty reception port, whilst the German prisoners were marched through the town on their way to captivity.



▲ The union flag was briefly flown in Dieppe. C IWM (H22618)

Of the total land-based force of 4,963 Canadians engaged in the operation only 2,210, many of them wounded, returned to Newhaven leaving behind 907 dead and 1,946 prisoners.

More than two hundred little ships were escorted back to Newhaven, where many craft had to lie offshore for hours with wounded on board, while waiting for harbour space. In fact, arrangements for the reception of the wounded had broken down. Cot cases had to be hoisted out of the small craft by crane and laboriously brought on shore. To make matters worse the hospital train, which had been made available, was routed for Birmingham: cases of urgent surgical attention suffered

▼ C IWM (H22585)



many painful hours of waiting and travel.

The official comment drily states the obvious: 'Hospitals in the immediate vicinity should be used in preference to ones further away, even if not the same service or unit'.

Newhaven played a major part in the Dieppe Raid. Many troops, tanks and equipment left for Dieppe from Newhaven, and some 200 small ships were escorted back to Newhaven carrying the survivors.

For more information visit the NEWHAVEN MUSEUM at Paradise Park.

Newhaven Town Council will be hosting the annual memorial service on Sunday 14th August 2022 at The Memorial Garden, South Way, Newhaven. More details to follow.

For information on the events in Dieppe, please visit https://en.normandie-tourisme. fr/highlight/80th-anniversaryof-the-dieppe-raid.

Sooty RN

Ship's Cat 1st Class Sooty RN outside the RNVR Drill Hall after her return from the Dieppe Raid.

Sooty was the ship's cat on Landing Craft Tank no.5 which was severely damaged by enemy gunfire and sunk off Red Beach. Sooty managed to swim clear and despite the appalling conditions at Dieppe showed great fortitude, courage and perseverance whilst clinging to a crewman's steel helmet, all under heavy fire. Sooty RN behaved throughout in a most worthy and sea cat manner.

A special one-off Dieppe Raid Medal was posthumously awarded to Sooty RN at the 50th Anniversary 1992. The citation also notes that Sooty RN was the only female present in the entire force.





PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO SIX FISHERMEN UNVEILED

On the 28th April, Local Town Councillor (then Town Mayor), Cllr. Lesley Boniface joined over 100 people, including local residents, members of the RNLI and local MP, Maria Caulfield for the unveiling of the Newhaven Fishermen's Memorial.

Designed by local artist Christian Funnell, The Newhaven Fishermen's Memorial was erected following a campaign by the family and friends of Robert Morley, who drowned when his vessel, the Joanna C, sank in November 2020.

The sculpture, which is of a bait ball with mackerel swimming around it, was unveiled on what would have been Robert's 40th birthday and stands on the edge of the port, alongside the river.

Along with Robert Morley, the memorial is also dedicated to five other fishermen who have sadly lost their lives off the Sussex coast. Adam Harper (Joanna C), Darren Brown (Our Sarah Jane), Joe Bowen, Andrew Penfold and John Ship (all from the Sylvia Marita).

Cllr. Lesley Boniface said "having a permanent memorial is great for the families and wider community to be able to reflect on the loss and sacrifices made daily by our fishermen. It's been a privilege to be able to work with Robert Morley's family to provide this installation".

They will forever be in our thoughts.



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HILLCREST CENTRE NEWS

WE'VE BEEN BUSY AT THE HILLCREST CENTRE OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS

THE LATEST FROM **SOUP & SOCIAL**

Thanks to everyone who attended our third Soup & Social event at the Hillcrest Centre in April. This time we teamed up with Creative Newhaven who wanted to hear from local residents about their best experiences of living in Newhaven – past and present - and their hopes for the future of the town.

More than 50 people sat down with us for a lively community conversation over a free shared meal. Together we wrote, collaged and created a map of Newhaven with more than 200 individual memories, ideas and suggestions sharing a love of the local landscape, enjoyment of clubs, pubs and events, ideas for improving pedestrian and cycle routes, and, of course, many happy memories of the West Beach and hopes for its reopening.

Our warmest thanks as ever to Havens Food Coop for supporting us.

Soup & Social evenings are run by Hospitable Environment.

Follow us on Instagram @hospitable_environment or email a.hospitable. environment@gmail.com to get in touch or to stay posted about upcoming events.





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We are so very humbled to be Newhaven's primary community

centre. We have always wanted to provide the base for a wide range of activities.

However, The Hillcrest Community Centre's success relies on the support of local people! Trustees play a vital role, volunteering their time and working together to support and steer the direction of the Hillcrest. We'd like to say a big thank you to all our trustees, with special appreciation going to Umi Sinha and Richard Walsh who recently stood down after giving their time and passion to the Hillcrest.

We are always looking for passionate people from all backgrounds with the skills and aptitude needed to help run our amazing community centre, whether this is a trustee or as a volunteer. If you are interested, please email us at info@hillcrestcentre.co.uk or call us on 01273 512376... or just pop in to see us!

NEWTOPIAS ART PROJECT TAKES A CREATIVE LOOK AT NEWHAVEN'S FUTURE

This summer, Photo Fringe and the Hillcrest Community Centre will join forces to produce a new art project with the people of Newhaven supported by Newhaven Creative Enterprise Zone and Lewes District Council.

For Newtopias, residents of all ages will take a creative look at our town with photomontage workshops led by local artist Kathryn Martin.

Using archival photographic material from the Newhaven Museum collection, personal photographs and found images collaged together, participants will reimagine life in Newhaven and beyond. Sharing stories and exploring personal ambitions the project aims to connect the past, present and potential futures of the town and its community.

The resulting collaborative artworks will be exhibited in the town centre during October as part of the tenth biennial Photo Fringe festival.

The free workshops will take place at The Hillcrest Community Centre throughout August and will be open to all Newhaven residents. Anyone interested in taking part should email: clairewearn@

photofringe.org www.photofringe.org Instagram: ophotofringe.

BON VOYAGE TO THE BOND'S

Well-known Newhaven couple, Janet and Mike Bond will be setting off to pastures new as they plan a new life in Spain.

The Bonds' have lived in Newhaven for 40 years, with Janet gaining all her Teaching Qualifications via Newhaven Adult Education Centre before becoming their Examination Typing Tutor, Keep Fit Teacher and eventually qualified for the post of Head of the Centre, which she ran as a self-funding provision for 5 years before Lewes Tertiary College took over.

Following this, Janet taught in all the local Leisure Centres prior to starting her own Exercise and Yoga Business called "Energise Bodywise" delivering weekly classes throughout Lewes/Newhaven/ Seaford & Peacehaven plus a regular Monthly Sunday hiring of Meeching Hall for the British Wheel of Yoga Teacher Training Courses.

Husband Mike, previously a Lewes Prison Hospital Officer for 25 years, later became a Local Community Nurse for the next 10 years. He also assisted Janet to deliver Health and Fitness as well as First Aid Certificated

Courses throughout their very successful 15 years of keep fit provision.

"Our past 10 years have been dedicated to providing small weekly Yoga classes as well as

Monthly Sunday Yoga Teacher Training Courses and First Aid plus Reiki and Sound Healing

Therapies from our purpose built studio with all profits being donated to Marie Curie Charity Fund.

We have enjoyed meeting and teaching so many local residents through our variety of skills and qualifications and thank everyone who attended our courses and wish them an abundance of good health, happiness and success.

A special thanks to all the Administrators, Local Town Council, Leisure Centres and Hall Providers for their continual generous and kind support and friendly cooperation - which is very much appreciated!"

Janet & Mike Bond 💞



A FOND FAREWELL TO LOCAL VICAR



The Revd Martin Miller, Vicar of St Michael's Church, Newhaven will be

retiring at the end of this summer.

Martin and his wife Lucy came to the town from Bermondsey in 2005.

Reflecting on his time, Martin said: "It has been such a privilege to serve God for 17 years here in Newhaven, and to be part of so many people's lives over that time. The regular civic services like the Brazen Memorial, Dieppe Raid, Remembrance Sunday and Mayor's Carol services have been special opportunities to join with the community".

Since 2005, the church has adapted to changing times by innovations such as "Messy Church" (involving hundreds of young people and their families over the years); The Breakout drop-in centre; Café Church (an informal service based around filtered coffee and croissants!): and most recently, preparing 'Bagel Breakfasts' at Harbour School.

Martin concluded "It has been particularly wonderful to be part of the 900th Anniversary celebrations of St Michael's over the last two vears"

Martin's farewell service at St Michael's Church will be at 10am on Sunday 4th September – you are invited!

We wish Janet and Mike the very best of luck for the future



The Best of Newhaven 2022: Photo competition for local amateur photographers

Could your photo of Newhaven be good enough to go on a lamp post banner on West Quay?



This year the categories are:

Action Shot - Local History - Nature & Garden - Black & White - Still Life - Abstract - Industrial -Water Life - Night - Humorous - Any local subject for child photographers aged under 12 years (you may enter more than one category)

Cash prizes for the winner and runner up in each category - Top photos in each category will be printed on a banner.

Photos must be high resoloution and in landscape format.

Please email your entry to photocomp@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk together with your name, address, phone number, age (if under 12) and the category you are entering.

Deadline for entries is Sunday 4th September 2022

Amateur photographers only please. If you have entered in a previous year you must not re-submit any previous photo. By submitting entries, you are deemed to be giving Newhaven Town Council permission to use your photo(s) on a banner and for any

n your own words Poetry, Prose and Verse from our community

> The moon was starting to go down, it was taking their only stores of light and hope with it; snatching the feeling they so seldom felt.

The sea lashed out, mercilessly and loud, warning them to stay back from its unforgiving wreath, misery was taken passenger in the boat.

The boat, which was clammy in the most dreadful way, rocked back and forth aggressively. It bobbed along, dragging its petrified captives from the place they used to know and love.

Behind it the dinghy left a white bubbly trial of despair. The people inside the patched rubber prayed that the engine would not give out, the boat was very old and tattered. It didn't seem trustworthy anyway, it kept on whining at them, screaming and shuddering every twenty seconds.

It juddered along, the small boat was not a strong dependable thing, instead it was just a weathered, old rubbery, stale dinghy, barely able to keep aloft with fourteen people inside, it was on its last mile and was about to give in.

Ciphaia, aged 11

Iris Means Hope

Help.

The scream was only heard by silence.

Darkness scattered the sky as winter clawed its way down

His hysterical laugh riding on his ragged cloak.

With one gulp the key to her house was gone.

She leant her face against the steel bars.

A tear.

A single tear trickled down her face.

Her legs buckled beneath her, forcing her to the groundconfettied with decrepit masks.

The iris.

The iris.

The iris had grown.

It grasped winter's heartless and uncaring hand and tore it from her neck.

Spring glazed her eyes.

He brought flowers beyond description to her feet.

They spread their roots deep into the ground

Paving a vibrant rainbow across the once-bashful land.

Her feet shifted below her and carried her to a

meandering river of trees.

A key dangled form the canopy.

She had found her key.

She had been

Saved.

Florence, aged 11

If you are a creative wordsmith and would like us to consider publishing your work in Newhaven Matters, please email steph.georgalakis@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk.



This was the theme that the town of La Chapelle Saint Mesmin took for a busy weekend of celebrations of ten years of Twinning between their town and Newhaven.

37 members of Newhaven Twinning Association travelled to La Chapelle Saint Mesmin to join in. Half of us travelled as foot passengers on the ferry to Dieppe, where we were collected by a coach and taken to La Chapelle Saint Mesmin. The rest of us travelled in our own cars, as we planned to take the opportunity to spend more time in France, for most of us the first time since the start of the pandemic.

Official customs and passport checks were less onerous than we had expected, and we were soon on our way.

We were all hosted by people

of the town, many of whom have become our good friends over the past ten years. We were greeted at the Espace Béraire, a large community centre, with gifts of local vinegar, mustard, and potted meat, then off to a late supper with our host families.

The following day was filled with celebrations. A parade (seemingly of most of the townspeople) with a British theme, started the day - Mary Poppins, Harry Potter and a large red telephone box were in evidence - as was the band and a very large amount of paper confetti!

Following a flash mob dance, there were speeches, and a presentation of gifts. Newhaven Twinning Association gave the town a British post box, and a large canvas print of the Newhaven lifeboat returning to the harbour in a storm, and they gave us a painting of their town hall in autumn. Flowers to the chairpersons of both associations were, naturally, red, white and blue.

We were served a "vin d'honneur" (a glass of sparkling wine) and then had a buffet brunch.

Thus restored, we had a full afternoon. Various local associations put on displays, activities, and tours. The Photographic Society displayed photos of the area, the historical society gave talks in French and English, the Retro Society paraded a collection of vintage and classic British cars, and we learned the legend of the dragon, while visiting his cave. This also explained the name of La Chapelle Saint Mesmin.





In the 6th century, King Clovis sent a monk to establish a monastery on the other side of the river Loire, along with the monk's nephew Mesmin. Local legend claimed there was a terrible dragon in a cave overlooking the river, who terrorised the local population. Mesmin crossed the river and killed the dragon with a flaming torch. In gratitude, the people built a chapel on the bank above the cave. The original chapel was burnt, but a later one dating from the 11th century is still there, so giving the town its name

At the end of the afternoon, it was very pleasant to escape from the 28°C heat and sit in the shade of the park to listen to a concert given by the Harmonie de La Chapelle Saint Mesmin, a wind and percussion band.

We just had time to return to our host's homes to freshen up and then we all went to the celebration dinner and dance. As well as a four-course dinner, with wine of course, we were entertained by the eight-piece band, the Orchestre Fabien Thomas. Dancing continued until late, when we returned again to our hosts, clutching another present of glasses from the local Duralex factory. a special edition in red, white and blue.

The following day was if anything, even hotter, and there were various activities. The local walking group organised walks of 5, 10 and 15 kilometres, there were trips to local chateaux and a barbecue among other events.

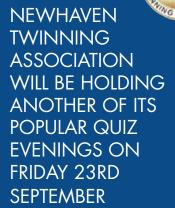
In the afternoon, some of us played pétanque at the local pétanque club, and we also tried our hands at Mölkke, a fun sort of skittles game. The threatened thunderstorm passed us by and we were able to finish the game without getting soaked.

We then went back for a quiet evening with our host families.

The following morning it was time to say farewell, but not before we were offered a brunch in the Espace Béraire and a final group photograph.

The groups travelling by coach then set off for Dieppe, while the rest of the group departed for their various destinations in France.

If anyone is interested in joining the Twinning Association, please look at our Facebook page, or contact Norman Hopson at norman.hopson@ btintenet.com.



This will be at the 3rd Newhaven Scout HQ in Fort Road, Newhaven, BN9 9EJ, starting at 7.30 pm.

It costs £5.00 per person, with tables of up to eight people. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. There will be a case of wine for the winning team, and we usually have a consolation prize for the team that comes last. This is a fun evening, and normally we have a musical interlude halfway.

If you would like to come, please contact Norman Hopson on 01273 588193, or email norman.hopson@ btinternet.com.

We meet every Sunday morning to play pétanque (boules) on the pétanque court opposite the Hope Inn. We also hope to run taster sessions on Thursday evenings during the warmer months for anyone who would like to try this fun game. If you are interested, please contact Norman Hopson as above.

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Newhaven & Peacehaven u3a continues to expand its offer to "young at heart" Newhaven residents. They host more than 30 interest groups ranging from senior keep fit to playing the ukulele via discussion, Mah-jong, gardening, and walking. Where there is demand new Groups are introduced, such as, the second Bridge for Beginners Group. N&P u3a are keen to welcome new members with skills to share. Currently they have members looking to join in with photography and for someone to lead the very popular Singing for Pleasure Group.

Monthly Meetings this summer: In July (7th) James Taylor (not the singer) will entertain with a talk on "Brilliant British Humour in the Forgotten Art of Picture Postcards 1840 - 1950". In August (4th), Bobbie Derbyshire will inform with "Where Do Novelists Get Their Ideas From?" In September (1st), Rukshana Master will them about "My Life In Fashion", The October (6th) meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is a surprisingly jolly affair. In November (3rd), Andy Thomas will enthral with tales of "Lewes and Bonfire Night".

Monthly Meetings are at 2:15pm. After the talk there's a raffle, information about groups & events, plus a chance to socialise over a free tea or coffee. The July and November meetings are at the Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven and those in August, September, and October at The Meridian Centre, Peacehaven. Lifts are organised for anyone for whom mobility is an issue. The u3a is happy to welcome potential members to these meetings.

The Friday Lunch Bunch will be out to the Peacehaven Carvery in July. The Theatre Group will be off to see Agatha Christi's "The Mirror Crack'd" and "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" in September, "The Cher Show" in November and Peacehaven Players' panto "Cinderella" in December. Members are also looking forward to lunch in France at Le Chateau des Tourelles in July and their day outing to the Chartwell, home of Winston Churchill, in September.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the u3a. This will be marked during a week of activities between 17th and 25th September. Look out for u3a displays and publicity,

The charity has at its heart a self-help ethos where members share expertise and enthusiasms. It is for those no longer in full-time work. It gives members the opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a wide variety of interests.

Members are kept informed with monthly emailed Bulletins, a printed Newsletter three times a year and update emails as and when. The Phone Buddies help to keep those without emails up to date.

The annual subscription is £15 payable each September. However, those joining from April of each year pay only £7.50.



Find out more about Newhaven & Peacehaven u3a by visiting their Facebook page, their website u3asites. org.uk/newhaven-peacehaven or their YouTube channel.

You can contact the u3a by at u3anp@outlook.com or to talk to a person phone Sally 01273 513707 or Sharon 01273 589953 (9am to 5pm).





ART CLUB

Newhaven Art Club are a long-standing fun and creative club run by its members for the members with local meetings and exhibitions.

We currently meet weekly on Mondays at 14.00 at Peacehaven Evangelical church hall 24 Mayfield Ave Peacehaven BN10 8RE.

There are inspirational club visits and demonstrations

from other artists to get our creative juices flowing. We love to combine with other local groups of all ages to produce art and recently had a trip to Newhaven Museum and a big Jubilee project with a local school.

We have fun learning and making new friends among fellow local artists and the club has particularly been a great creative source of comfort, friendship and inspiration during recent times.

Our busy program of events and projects includes regular exhibitions and shows in the area where members can exhibit and sell.

We are always keen to welcome new members whatever ability. You don't have to be Picasso or Monet just keen to give art a go surrounded by supportive friends who encourage you to learn and enjoy art.

Throughout the Summer we will be having outdoor Plein air sessions and Garden party meetings.

Check out the club's new website for more details at www.newhavenartclub.co.uk or ring Chris Cook on 01273 875928 or email us at NewhavenArtClub@Hotmail.com.



It all finally got confirmed in early January 2022. Affinity Rowing Club was definitely going to attend the World Pilot Gig Championships on the beautiful Isles of Scilly.

Taking place over three days during the early May bank holiday weekend, the World Pilot Gig Championships are the jewel in the crown of the gig racing calendar. The championships are attended by over 70 rowing clubs bringing with them over 115 wooden pilot gigs and thousands of rowers, coxes and supporters.

Races are split into three age categories - Open (16+), Veterans (40+) and Supervets (50+) and further subdivided into Men's and Women's races. As a club we were able to enter a crew into the Men's Open, the Men's Veterans and the Women's Open races.

Camping pitches and ferry tickets were hurriedly booked and mental preparations began in earnest. A table was booked at the Hope Inn to thrash out the finer details over a few pints. Training consisted of two weekly sessions on the water and one in the gym.

Before we knew it, we were sat in our boat Grace O'Malley on a start line over a mile wide. Hearts were pumping and adrenaline was flowing. There were boats lined up further than the eye could see as we jostled for position for the first 3.2km race.

The racing was a totally new experience for most. Imagine 115 boats along that long start line being funnelled into a 100m wide finishing line and you can imagine the chaos oar-clashing, adrenaline, and a bit of blue language here and there!

We ended up with a respectable showing – well off last place in both the Men's and Women's categories which wasn't bad considering the age of our club. Roll on next year!

For more information about joining Affinity Rowing, please visit our Facebook page @ARCGraceOMalley.



"Growing your own food, it's like printing your own money"

As mounting food costs and bills soar growing your own food is going to become a necessity rather than a hobby. It's like a quiet act of revolution and you're saving the planet too. Have you noticed supermarkets don't seem to have all the stock you need at the moment..., well with the Climate Crisis we are facing this will only get worse. But there are solutions and they come by connecting with the community and finding a growing space for you and your family, whether that's in your own back garden or if you don't have one in a local green space or community garden.

Unfortunately, freedom given to developers for house building has meant that we have up to 40% less provision for green spaces and this has had a huge societal effect. Research shows the role public green spaces play in better educational outcomes, physical health and mental and social wellbeing, resilience and recovery.

Nestled in Yorkshires Calderdale valley lies the village of Todmorden, the starting place of the group Incredible Edibles, which took over its towns public green spaces and has turned them into edible spaces run and maintained by the community.

Far across the water in Los Angeles a man called Ron Finley decided to grow on his sidewalk, in an area known as a food desert. I highly recommend his Ted Talk, incredibly inspirational story of one man and his mission to get fresh food into some of the poorest communities.

Here in Newhaven, we are lucky to have green spaces around us and community growing projects, all run by volunteers from the community. Having spent the last year volunteering at some of these groups I know how good it is for my wellbeing. Being with supportive people, teaching me skills and enjoying a share of the organic produce I bring home.

Growing together Newhaven has a beautiful space on the clifftops where they offer various sessions with a fantastic "Whatever the weather Forest School". Kids enjoy an incredible space and get to do activities many of us can't do at home. Denton has a new community garden opening designed by the children for the children.

Do Come along and join in!

Volunteering can include many tasks and suit all abilities from planting to surveying, to helping with social media, so please email me at contact@greenhavens.network if you are interested. As a network we are here to serve the community so if you have any growing ideas please let us know.

So set the seed of growing in your mind and in your kid's futures, grow solutions for them they can carry on into adulthood. The joys of growing your own are endless, when planting seeds you are giving hope to tomorrow.

By Miriam Thundercliffe. Greenhavens coordinator.

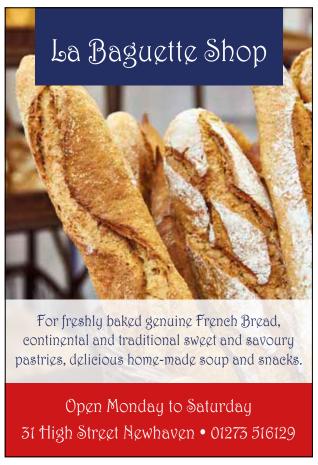


Newhaven Tree Wardens A selection of the Front Garden Scheme trees planted this year by Newhaven Tree Wardens.

Thank you so much to all those Newhaven householders who have taken part and planted a tree in their front gardens. We shall be running the scheme again later this year, if you would like a tree for your Front Garden (for a small contribution), please contact us, search @BN9Trees.















Celebrating the best of local business at the 17th Annual Seahaven Business Awards

The Seahaven Business
Awards 2022 took place at the
Presidents' Awards dinner,
a glittering occasion, on May
13th when hosts, Newhaven
Chamber of Commerce in
association with Seaford and
Peacehaven Chambers, held
their annual business awards
at Jerrom Hall in Peacehaven.

It was a fabulous evening with over 100 guests attending in the presence of Her Majesty the Queens's representative the Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman and His Excellency Ambassador Nguyen Hoang Long of Vietnam and Deputy Chief of Mission, Counsellor Mrs To Minh Thu. Our Sussex MPs Maria Caulfield and Llovd Russell-Moyle, the towns' three Mayors and all three Presidents of the Chambers of Commerce completed the VIP guests.

The event was well supported by local sponsors and the categories were judged this year by the two MPs, and the Presidents of the Newhaven, Seaford and Peacehaven's Chamber of Commerce.

President of Newhaven Chamber, Mike Shorer said, "the greatest thanks need to be given to all the amazing businesses here tonight. You should all be hugely proud of yourselves. To survive and thrive during these last few traumatic, surreal and dangerous times is a testament to the great belief, drive, passion, strength and fortitude you have. Keep that belief, grow in strength, continue to follow your hearts and I guarantee you will achieve even greater success".



Top table with Maria Caulfield MP, Steve Bell, Lloyd Russell Moyle MP, Cllr Paul Boswell Mayor of Newhaven, Julia Johnson, John Young, Ambassador Nguyen Hoang Long, Cllr Mr To Minh Thu, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman, Mike Shorer President Newhaven Chamber of Commerce

OUR WINNERS IN 2022

President's Award: Young Business Person of the Year

Sponsored by Mike Shorer Fine Jewellery

1st George Durnford of **GND Tree Surgery**

2nd Tiger Cox. Paragliding instructor and children's author

3rd Ben Harris. Photographer

Best New Business

Sponsored by The Newhaven Enterprise Centre

1st Kande (Pick & Mix Sweet Delivery

Business)

2nd (joint) Claire Smith

Floristry

2nd (joint) Got Buns Huns

(Celebration cakes)

Best Environmental Business

Sponsored by Fine Marketing

1st Havens Food

Cooperative

2nd Badger Inks 3rd (joint) Aval Group

Consulting Ltd

3rd (joint) Chris Allen & Sons



▲ Winner of the Best Business 2022 was Cloud Voice and Data of Seaford. Russell Clarke and Simon Whitney directors collected the trophy from Michelle Connors of the Newhaven Enterprise Zone.



▲ Presidents Award for Young Business Person of the Year, sponsored by Mike Shorer Fine Jewellery. 1st George Durnford, GND Tree Surgery, 2nd Tiger Cox, Paragliding instructor and author, Ben Harris Photographer.

Best Eatery

Sponsored by Experience It Now Travel

1st La Maison Catering 2nd West Quay Café

Business Person of the Year

Sponsored by Swindells Chartered Accountants

1st Shell Rees of Be Well with Shell

2nd Paula Woolven of Havens Community Hub

3rd Chris Allen of Chris Allen & Sons

Best Customer Service

Sponsored by The Sussex Sign Company

1st Emma Scorgie of Utility Warehouse

2nd Be Fabulous

3rd Cloud Voice & Data

Business of the Year

Sponsored by The Newhaven Enterprise Zone

1st Cloud Voice & Data 2nd La Maison Catering 3rd Chris Allen & Sons



▲ Winner of Best New Business, Jasmin Sanded of Kande, with sponsor Kaye Crittall of the Newhaven Enterprise Centre and Lord Lieutenant Andrew Blackman.



1228. Winners and runner-up in Best Eatery with sponsor Experience It Now Travel. West Quay Café, Lord Lieutenant, Richard Light and La Maison Catering

The Seahaven Business Awards recognise businesses which have shown tremendous resilience, innovation, success, and commitment to staff and who take pride in being part of the were presented with trophies made by goldsmith Mike Shorer. Each trophy weighs 4kg and is made from solid aircraft grade alloy, anodised gold and then hand engraved and hand Credits to Matt Harquail Photography

Further information from Julia Johnson of Fine

Email: julia@finemarketing. **co.uk** or call 07572 422303.



▲ Business Person of the Year – Shell Rees from Be Well with Shell and lan Jenkins of Swindells Accounting (sponsor).



▲ Winners Best Environmental Business: Havens Food Cooperative with sponsors Fine Marketing.







THE LEWES TO NEWHAVEN RAFT RACE IS BACK FOR 2022!

When:

Sunday 31st July – Time 14:40

Where:

Raft race starts from Malling Rec in Lewes (by Tesco) and finishes at Newhaven Marina

Build and decorate a raft that floats and fits under bridges (max height 6'6")

Why:

To have fun and raise money for a good cause of your choice

Theme: Party Time

No. of crew: Min 3: Max 12

Entry Fee:

£75 (up to 4crew); £100 (5 crew and above)

Prizes For:

Fastest Time / Most Devious Means / Best Names / Best Decorated / Last One Home / Contractors Cup / **Environmental Champion**

Application Entry Deadline: 30th June 2022

Programme Entry Deadline:

14th July 2022

We will be supporting 2 charities this year: RNLI Newhaven and Sussex Search and Rescue.

Please contact lewesraftrace@ gmail.com to get an application form.

For updates, follow us at @lewesanddistrictroundtable.



SATURDAY 2ND JULY RNLI NEWHAVEN **LIFFBOAT SUMMER FAYRE**

Our Summer Fayre is our biggest fundraising community event of the year and it will be held on Saturday 2nd July at Fort Road recreation ground

The fayre will be opened by year will see the return of the popular Pirelli Formula One Simulator, as well as children's funfair rides, inflatables,

a variety of stalls and games, our Grand Raffle with lots

by local businesses and

Don't miss displays from local clubs and musicians and look out for Stormy Stan who will be making an appearance throughout the afternoon, make sure you give him a

For refreshments, you can enjoy something from the BBO, a drink from the bar tent, as well as the usual other refreshments of hot and cold drinks, and ice-creams from Charlies Ice cream van.

We look forward to seeing you there!





FOUR MILE DASH TO SAVE PILOT - 70 YEARS ON

By Ed Tyhurst

On Wednesday 18th May, at Newhaven Fort where I work, I found myself drawn to an artefact in one of our storerooms, where it has lain since 2007 when it was donated. Resting among the ladders, wood and metal sheeting is an aircraft propeller boss and reduction gear, trawled up by local fishermen of NN444 off Peacehaven. That day in fact was 70 years to the day of how this propeller came to rest on the seabed-suffice to say, I'm now considering options of where it can at last be displayed for visitors to see.

On the morning of May 18th, 1952, 24 year old Naval pilot John F Plant was on a training flight out of RNAS Ford (HMS Peregrine) flying Blackburn Firebrand serial no.EK724 of 827Sqn, Fleet Air Arm. The Firebrand torpedo fighter had been developed during the Second World War but entered service too late to see combat use-eventually only being used by 827 & 813 Sqn of the

FAA until replaced by the Westland Wyvern. Despite its powerful credentials, powered by a Bristol Centaurus engine, armed with four 20mm cannon and capable of carrying an 18" torpedo, sixteen rockets or two 2000lb bombs, the Firebrand never lived up to its name. Many FAA pilots saying, "she was built like a battleship & flew like one too!" While off Beachy Head, Plant reported the engine had started misfiring. Trying to limp back to base, he lost engine power off Peacehaven and was left with no option but to ditch in the sea.

Fortunately for Plant, the crash was witnessed by residents of Peacehaven who telephoned the Police and Newhaven based RAF 1107 Air Sea

Rescue unit. Heading out to sea at top speed - "We have been waiting for this for this for nearly five years. It is the first one we've had since the end of the War!", was ARS launch no.2557 under the command of Flying Officer 'Dinghy' Chivers and Coxswain Flight Sergeant 'Geordie' Love.

Four miles out at sea, the crew found Plant "floating around in his rubber dinghy which had been attached to his parachute harness". Taken aboard 2557, Plant was returned to dry land at Newhaven safe & well after twenty minutes at sea.

As for Firebrand EK724, she rests at the bottom of the sea, minus her propeller!



Do you live in the BN9 postcode? Then this is for you!

BN9

The time has arrived for you to have your say on what happens at Newhaven's Sidings this August. The public vote for the BN9 competition is finally opening and we can't wait to see what exciting and innovative idea Newhaven residents choose to put on this Summer.

What is the BN9 competition?

Over the past month creatives, event organisers and promoters have been pitching their best ideas for the opportunity to receive £5,000 to put on their event in Newhaven. Now the winning idea is in your hands. The vote is only open to BN9 residents, choose well!

When can you vote?

From Tuesday 21 June, you'll get the chance to choose from an array of events all of which we hope you would like in Newhaven.

Head to the webpage www.newhavenenterprisezone.com/creative-newhaven, use

the QR code on this page, or follow us on social media to vote, and get sharing with friends and family that live in Newhaven to ensure your favourite event gets selected. Don't miss out on the chance to decide what happens in your area! The vote closes on Tuesday 5 July, and the winner will be announced shortly after.

Lots more to do this summer

The BN9 Competition has been funded by Newhaven Enterprise Zone, with support from Towner Eastbourne, and steered by the Creative Newhaven Working Group (CNWG), and the winning event will form part of the BN9 Cultural Programme which has been developed to support the amazing creativity of the people and organisations in Newhaven.

The programme will include a pop-up gallery, an interactive VR underwater experience, a new show devised by youth club members, a tasty event with a new community bread

oven, some
stunning street art, and the
Photo Fringe extending into
Newhaven. There will be lots
of other great activities going
on in Newhaven this summer,
led by amazing organisations
like Hospitable Environment
(@hospitable environment),
Newhaven Arts Project
(@newhavenartprojects),
Artwave Festival
(@artwavefestival), Newhaven
Festival (@newhavenfestival),
Creative Force

(@creativeforceuk), Katie Dale (@katiedaleeverettdance) and many others so make sure you check out something in BN9 soon!

Check out the website for more information and to find out ways to get involved, whether you are an individual, community organisation or local business. Be sure to also follow <u>@creativenewhaven</u> on Instagram and Facebook, and <u>@createnewhaven</u> on Twitter to be the first to hear about events and new opportunities.



A food waste prevention project has a double celebration after rescuing its 250,000th meal equivalent and being named Best Environmental Business at the prestigious Seahaven Business Awards.

In April 2020, during the pandemic lockdown period, Havens Food Cooperative (a project of the Havens Community Hub) started putting together a team of volunteers who would visit supermarkets at night to collect and rapidly redistribute food that had simply reached its 'best-before' date and was due to be sent to landfill. creating more Co2 gas and wasting perfectly edible perishable goods such as fruit, vegetables, bread and other bakery items.

These items could not be given to traditional food banks as their still-useable life was limited and most local food banks only open one day per week - the collected food needed to be redistributed within 24 hours.

Starting with only three local stores, the project grew until - in December 2021 - the final supermarket joined the cooperative of stores helping to prevent food waste - and now

EVERY single supermarket in the Havens Area (Saltdean to Seaford) on the coastal stretch are contributors to the scheme, helping to prevent over 1 tonne of food from being wasted every week.

The project has redistributed, free of charge, over 108 tonnes of perishable food to the community (preventing 336,900kg of Co2), prioritising people who might need some support and providing over 14 'pop up pantry partners' such as youth clubs, environmental alliances, schools and more with free food for their groups and members.

The project is run by Paula Woolven and Fran Lowton and is supported by over 25 volunteers. Founder of the Hub, Paula, appeared on 'Come Dine With Me' in 2021, cooking with leftover produce, to raise awareness of the project and food waste prevention in general. The project is open 365 days a year and is a never-ending collection and redistribution service. Even on Christmas Day, volunteers can be found at their base in Thompson Road, Denton redistributing and preventing waste.

The project is about to start a 'slow cooker' set of lessons,

as cooking in these appliances can save up to 80% of electricity charges as opposed to traditional oven and hob costs. Families without slow cookers can also apply to receive one free of charge from the Food Cooperative. This incredibly important step forward has been part-funded by Councillor Christine Brett, Chair of Lewes District Council, and will be starting in June as a rapid response to the fuel price hike.



Rebecca Woolven havensfoodmanager@gmail.com 07711 843791 or

Fran Lowton havensfoodcoop@gmail.com



NEWHAVEN GREEN CENTRE HAS LOTS TO REPORT!

Firstly, East Sussex Libraries have kindly given permission for us to hold weekly stalls in Newhaven Library on Thursday mornings 10-11.30. This is great news – it means we can get NGC properly up and running and gives us a chance to meet you all in person.

Please come along to:

- Say hello and find out more about NGC
- Chat with us about our plans for the Sharing Library
- Bring items for recycling (see below)
- Make use of our free 'bring and take' table, where you can bring things, you no longer want which someone else might be able to use and you can take other people's items for free

We'll also be doing stalls at the Denton Community Challenge on June 11th, the Fish Festival on June 25th and the RNLI Summer Fayre on 2nd July.

We have also started running a monthly Repair Café at Meeching Hall, 2A Fort Road BN9 9QQ. These are events where you can bring any broken household goods – from toasters to jeans - for our repairers to try to fix – all completely free! It's a great way of saving money and keeping things out of landfill. Our 'customers' so far have all left happy, with nearly all of their items fully fixed.

Repairers include Lee from UBM Tool Hire and Kat Neeser from 'Sew in Brighton'.

Helen Ford will also be on hand to teach you and help you with hand sewing repairs. The next Repair Cafés are on June 12th and July 10th, both 2.30-4.30pm.

We are working on getting a Sharing Library up and running and are now accepting donations for the library. We already have some DIY tools and camping equipment.

And we are able to accept some items for recycling that you can't put into the councilrun kerbside collections: all plastics (even broken toys), blister packs (which tablets come in), contact lenses, corks, used cosmetics and other toiletries (ie toothpaste tubes), rags (worn-out clothes and shoes). Please visit our website or get in touch for more details.

In particular, we'd like to hear from you if you regularly sell online as we are stocking good quality second hand packaging you can use for free.





Please get in touch if you'd like to know more about what we're up to, want to join our mailing list, or volunteer with us!



www.newhavengreencentre.com info@newhavengreencentre.com www.facebook.com/newhavengreencentre

Wood Creatives Turning Nicely

Turning out nice work has always been the aim at Wood Creatives but with the recent addition of lathes and tools we are ready to enter an era in creative inspiration. Bill Giles, one of our new members, has experience in wood turning and is helping others experience this interesting skill.

Wood Creatives has gathered in numbers as a result of their recent publicity drive. We continue to improve our equipment and facilities at our workshop within The Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road, Newhaven, BN9 9LH.

This merry bunch of some 30 men & women are growing steadily and as our numbers increase, we have the capacity to open on other days and are considering evenings and weekends, if demand is



▲ Bill's prize winning hourglass

high enough. We undertake a variety of projects from relief carving to sculpture. Recently we have decided to broaden the range of work and include many other forms of woodworking and creativity with wood. We hope to develop more woodturning activities and perhaps dedicate one day a week purely for this activity watch this space.

The current management team (Ted Gordon - Treasurer, Jeremy Adams - Secretary, Joe Boylan - Publicity) have built up the membership to pre lockdown levels but we are always very keen to welcome new members to our club, if interested please pop by on a



▲ A candlestick the first effort of a student

Monday or a Thursday to look us over & have a guided tour.

Otherwise please contact Joe 07768 331 038

Our club at present operates on Mondays & Thursdays between about 9.30am & 3.30pm. The current fees are £25 per month, with half price for the unemployed (tea & biscuits are free). For beginners, the club provides a good selection of carving chisels as well as hand & electric tools, for use in the club. We also "provide" a friendly and helpful environment with advice & support from experienced members.



Possability People is a local charity that supports people with long term health conditions, including MS. We believe in supporting people to live independently, with

dignity and without prejudice.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition - that means it affects your nerves. You get it when your immune system isn't working properly.

Your immune system normally protects you by fighting off infection, but in MS it attacks your nerves by mistake. Your nerves control lots of different

parts of your body. That's why you can get MS symptoms in many parts of your body. It's also why everyone's MS is different.

Once diagnosed, MS stays with vou for life, but treatments and specialists can help you to manage the condition and its symptoms.

Our staff team are experts. They want to you to be able to get on with your life without worrying about money, the benefits you are entitled to, housing or council tax.

If you or someone you know has MS and needs advice, please call our lovely team on 07934 297195 or email ms@possabilitypeople.org.uk.



If you or a family member need extra help because of a long-term illness, disability or mental health condition, money may be available towards paying for it.

The main benefits are:

- Disability Living Allowance DLA (for children under 16)
- Personal Independence
 Payment PIP (for those aged
 16 to State Pension age
 when applying)
- Attendance Allowance AA (for people eligible for a State Pension)

If your child needs a lot more care, attention or supervision than a child of the same age who isn't disabled or has difficulty walking or getting around outdoors in unfamiliar places, compared to a child of the same age who isn't disabled, you may be eligible for DLA.

You may be eligible for PIP if you struggle to do everyday tasks or to get around because of a physical or mental condition. You don't need to have worked or to have paid National Insurance to qualify.

Rates of DLA and PIP vary from £23.70 to £152.15 weekly.

You could get £60.00 or £89.60 a week Attendance Allowance. It won't affect your pension and may help you live independently, longer.

You can spend the money however you like. They are not means tested. It doesn't matter what other money you have, or whether you are still working.

You have to complete a long claim form when you apply for PIP or AA. But help is available from your Citizens Advice so don't let the form put you off applying.

How can I offer a UK home to Ukrainian refugees?

Anyone in the UK can apply to be a host through the government website providing they have at least six months' leave to remain in the UK.

Home-owners with a mortgage should contact their lender before accepting refugees to avoid a breach of mortgage terms.

Tenants should check their tenancy agreement - they may require their landlord's permission.

Leaseholders should check the terms of their lease to see whether they are permitted to have lodgers or subtenants.

Hosts must be able to offer refugees accommodation for at least six months.

Those offering to house refugees will be vetted by the government, and Ukrainian applicants will also undergo security checks before being matched with a host.

Local authorities will check that properties are fit to host refugees, and DBS checks will be carried out for those hosting children and vulnerable adults.

Those who don't personally know anyone fleeing Ukraine can register their interest on the government's website and consult charities working to pair sponsors with refugees such as:

- Refugees at Home
- Room for Refugees
- Shelter 4 Ukraine
- Reset

Host households in the UK will be offered a tax-free thank-you payment of £350 a month for up to 12 months. This payment does not affect benefit entitlement and will remain tax-free.

While hosts cannot charge rent the government advises an agreement such as an Excluded License Agreement or an Excluded Tenancy Agreement be drawn up to ensure all parties are clear on the terms of the arrangement.

Trainee advisers wanted

Are you interested in giving information and advice to members of your community?
To learn more about joining our team, please email training@lewescab.cabnet.org.uk or ring 01273 007557 for a chat



Anyone requiring support or assistance should contact us on

- Universal Credit Help to Claim line 0800 1448444
- Adviceline 0808 278 7892
 Monday Friday 9am to 5pm.
- Email advice <u>www.</u> <u>lewesdistrictcab.org.uk</u>
- Chat online to an advisor <u>citizensadvice.org.uk/</u> <u>contact-us</u>



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Lewes District Food Partnership's efforts to develop a district-wide approach to food security have been recognised by their successful application for Sustainable Food Places membership.

WINS NATIONAL

RECOGNITION

Sustainable Food Places is a network of cross-sector partnerships in towns, cities, boroughs and counties that are using food as a vehicle to drive positive change. The network helps people and places to share challenges, explore practical solutions and develop best practice in all aspects of healthy and sustainable food.

Lewes District Food Partnership joins a network of over 55 members across the UK. The partnership is made up of representatives from local community groups, emergency food providers, district councillors and other key stakeholders, including SCDA and The Havens Community Hub. It is an inspirational example of how communities,

businesses and the policy makers can work together to make affordable, good food available to all.

Chris Walker, network coordinator for Sustainable Food Places said: "We're delighted to welcome Lewes District into the network of places across the UK where people are coming together to change their food systems. Lewes District Food Partnership is among the first in our network to demonstrate what's possible at a district level. By taking a joined up approach to healthy, affordable and sustainable food for all, the partnership is making long term change for the better."

Lewes District Food Partnership recognises that this is a particularly crucial time for developing a sustainable approach to food security, as many people in towns such as Newhaven become impacted by the cost of living crisis and are forced to make difficult decisions about the food they buy.

Stef Lake, Food Security Project Manager at SCDA and chair of Lewes District Food Partnership, said "Joining

the Sustainable Food Places network is fantastic recognition of the work that is happening across Lewes District to build a fairer and more sustainable local food system. It is a huge achievement to be one of the first food partnerships operating a district level and reflects the hard work of everyone in the steering group. We are excited to launch our food charter later this year and to welcome new members."

Councillor Matthew Bird, Lewes District Council Cabinet Member for Sustainability, said "I'm delighted that Lewes District Food Partnership has been successful in joining the Sustainable Food Places Network. It's a testament to the hard work of the Food Partnership and the shared vision that all members have worked so hard on. With the Climate and ecological emergencies and a cost of living crisis, there has never been a more important time to work together in addressing food poverty and sustainability in our food systems."

Learn more about Lewes District Food Partnership on the SCDA website.

What's On.

July - September 2022

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please check with groups their sessions are running

Mondays

Meridian IT

1st Monday of month: 10am-12pm.

The Nebula Mental Health Group

Every Monday: 2pm. A free, peer-led group run by Pinky McLean. No need to book, just turn up.

Tai Chi

9.30am - 10.30am. Please book in advance. www.taichieffect.com Tel: 07429 007691

Knit and Natter

2pm - 4pm. Contact: Jackie Gordon 07434 588503.

Book Club

7pm – 9pm To book email <u>oldbezzas34@gmail.com</u>.

Wood Creatives

9.30am - 3.30pm for more information visit www.woodcreatives.co.uk or call Joe on 07768 331038.

Haven Harmonies Community Choir

7pm to 9pm. No auditions, no requirement to read music. First session free then £5 every week. For more information visit havenharmonies.wordpress.com or email marianstanley43@gmail.com.

<u>Tuesdays</u>

u3a Art Club

2pm - 4pm. To book email graham.heys@btinternet.com.

Weight Watchers

5pm – 7pm. Online or Weight Watchers App.

Hillcrest Stitchers

1.30pm - 4pm. To book phone 01273 515259.

Newhaven Historical Society

Once a month 7pm – 10pm (doors open at 7pm.

Guesthouse Storytellers

Once a month 7pm - 10pm.
To book email <u>wendy.atkinson@btinternet.com</u>.

Pilates Classes

Once a month: 11.30am - 12.30pm. To book contact Tash on 07831 120600.

Wednesdays

Wood Creatives

For more information visit www.woodcreatives.co.uk.

Life Drawing

Wednesday: 10.30 - 1pm. To book email julianlebas@yahoo.com.

Newhaven Ukulele Group ("Nukehaven")

Fortnightly 13th and 27th July 2022.

For more information, call Sue 07745 394220.

Thursdays

Open Call Art

Every Thursday: 9.30am - 1.30pm. Drop in.

AA Meeting

7pm - 8.45pm.

Wood Creatives

9.30am - 3.30pm.

Fridays

Ballroom Dancing

Every Friday: 6.30pm - 8pm. To book phone 01273 476565.

Private Dance

10am - 12.30pm. To book phone 01273 476565.

Intro Art for Well Being

10am - 1pm. £5 an hour.

To book email wildseaart@gmail.com.

Lino Printmaking Classes

2pm - 4pm. Contact Sally 07876 666784.

Streetfunk

5.15pm-6.15pm 5yrs+ www.streetfunk.co.uk.

SPECIAL EVENTS @ HILLCREST

July

Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm Murmuration's by Dawnie Thompson at the Café Gallery.

12th July – Guesthouse Story Telling – Performance at 7.30pm.

Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm Photographs by Nathan Coley at Café Gallery.

Photo Fringe 'Newtopias'.

September

Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm Lightbox by Gallit Shaltiel – Artwave.

DENTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Every Wednesday: 7pm-9pm and Friday 10am-12pm. School Summer Holidays Children welcome Fridays 10am - 12pm. £2.00 per session.

Denton Church Hall, Heighton Road, Denton BN9 OLY Contact Rosemary on 01273 611384.

FRIENDS OF TIDE MILLS

3rd Sunday of every month: (9am at beach end of the old Tide Mills Village Road) - Friends of Tide Mills/Newhaven East Side conservation work and litter clearance morning.

Summer Picnic Details TBC.

If you would like to join us and become a Tide Mills guardian, you will be made most welcome. Meet 9.00am Contact Jim Skinner for more info: brianjimskinner@gmail.com.

DENTON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Every fourth Tuesday of the month at Denton Church Hall at 2.30pm. Additional events: July 26th – A Musical Afternoon with Stewart. Sept 27th - TBC.

Anyone interested in our meetings would be very welcome. Please contact Ann for more information on 01273 514482.

JUST FRIENDS

Every first and third Monday: 10am to 12pm. Social Meeting at Newhaven Day Club.

Every second Monday Walking group

Every fourth Monday: Lunch Group

Various trips throughout the year. For more information visit just-friends.uk.

NEWHAVEN ART CLUB

Every Monday: 2pm. Peacehaven Evangelical Church Hall. For more information www.newhavenartclub.co.uk or ring Chris Cook on 01273 875928 or email NewhavenArtClub@hotmail.com

NEWHAVEN BOWLING CLUB

open any day for pre-arranged trial sessions until the end of the season in September, come along and try bowls at your local friendly club with the best kept green in the area. An experienced member will be on hand to help all ages and all abilities from beginners to experienced players. All sessions are FREE. For more information see our website - www.newhavenbowlingclub.weebly. com Facebook & Twitter pages - search for Newhaven Bowling Club. Contact Stuart 07401 663519 or email: nbowlscsocialmedia@ gmail.com.

NEWHAVEN & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

For more information, please visit <u>newhavendmrc.com</u> or email newhavendmrc@gmail.com or 07715 993675 for Paul Strickland (Club Secretary).

NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN U3A

Open to new prospective members.

Please visit <u>u3asites.org.uk/newhaven-peacehaven</u> or <u>www.</u> <u>facebook.com/u3anewhavenpeacehaven</u> for more information.

NEWHAVEN MUSEUM

Open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11am

From the 3rd to 17th September admission will be free as we are taking part in ArtWave in association with local artist Jonathan Riddles who will be exhibiting his paintings. On September 9th and 10th, we will also be taking part in Heritage Open Days.

NEWHAVEN LIBRARY

Tuesdays (Term Time only): 3.30pm - 5pm. Homework and Activities Club for Primary School.

Thursday: 10.30am - 11am (Term time only). Rhymetime: Aimed at around preschool age. Call 0345 608 0196 for details.

NEWHAVEN TENNIS CLUB

The Club offers the following sessions and activities to its Members and Non-Members (those who are considering becoming Members). For all membership & general details please contact Bob 01273 512162. For coaching details please contact Clive 07526 267560 for coaching details or email: mailrkjackson@yahoo.co.uk.

Every Saturday: 3 Junior coaching sessions. 9am Start; 10am Start; 11am Start.

Every Saturday: 1.00pm - 4.30pm. Adult Club sessions. Open to non-members (with view to becoming Members).

Every Sunday: Mix of Adult and Junior Coaching: 9am - 1pm. Every Monday: 2 Junior coaching sessions. 4.15pm Start & 5.20pm Start.

Every Tuesday: 1pm - 4.30pm. Adult Club sessions. Every Thursday: 1pm - 4.30pm. Adult Club sessions.

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

For all Coaching Lessons, please ask on availability, all ages welcome.

All one-hour Group Coaching Sessions for Juniors costs £4. To receive Coaching, Club Membership is required. At all Adult Club Sessions, all non-members are required to pay a Guest Fee of £5.

NEWHAVEN YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Sparks Youth Group for school years 4-6, St Michael's Hall, Newhaven.

Youth Club for ages 11-18yrs, St Michael's Hall, Newhaven. Youth Club for ages 11-18yrs, Lewes Road Hut.

NEWHAVEN FOOTBALL CLUB

For more information, please www.newhavenyfc.org or speak to Sara Alexander Tel: 07763 333998.

NIPPERS

After School Club offering Arts, crafts, cooking, forest school and gardening at East Side Social Centre -1500-1800 weekdays 1st July to 21st July and 1st September to 31st September, collection from local schools.

NIPPERS holiday playscheme from 22nd July - 31st at August from 07:30 - 18:00. To celebrate our 49th birthday 10-30 - 1530 will cost £4.90/session.

NIPPERS Family Fun Day - 11:00 - 15:00 Saturday 30th July at East Side Park.

All activities are based at East Side Social Centre, Norton Terrace, Newhaven and the local community.

SCDA CLUBS & GROUPS

Monday Youth Club - 8 - 11 year-olds: Mondays (term time and summer holidays) 5pm - 7pm.

L.A.S.T. Project - a free youth led LGBTQ+ and allies' safe space for 12 - 17 year-olds - Tuesdays - 5.15 - 6.30pm.

Wednesday Youth Club

12 - 18 year-olds – Wednesdays (term time and summer holidays) – 6.30 - 8pm.

Wellbeing Groups - a free 6-week programme for young people 11-18 years old who want to positively improve their wellbeing, confidence and more – Thursdays, 5.30-6.30pm (referral needed via youth@sussexcommunity.org.uk).

We can also offer 1-1 wellbeing support on a 6-weekly appointment basis. Contact youth@sussexcommunity.org.uk to find out more.

Friday Youth Club - 12–18-year-olds – Fridays (term time and summer holidays) - 6-7.30pm.

Newhaven Young People's Forum – a voice group for young people to create youth-led projects and make changes for young people locally - 11-18 year olds - contact: nypf@sussexcommunity.org.uk to find out more.

The location for all of these is Newhaven Youth Centre, Denton Island, Newhaven, BN9 9BA.

Please contact: youth@sussexcommunity.org.uk to find out more or enrol on to these sessions.

SLIMMING WORLD

Every Thursday at 5.30pm at Elim Church, Newhaven. Contact Karen on 07872 388080.

THEATRE

Ignite Theatre presents Gabriel at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven. www.ignite-theatre.com

1st - 3rd July: 7.30pm

3rd July: 2pm

'TIME OUT' FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Every Third Wednesday each month, at St. Michael's Church Hall. (Easy access from Second Avenue BN9 9HN). Tea and chat, art and crafts, board games, future outings, speakers. Donation: £1.00. Contact Gloria on 07926 967359 for further information.

ZARA YOGA & PILATES

Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven Monday: 11am - Mat based Pilates Wednesday: 5.45pm - Hatha Yoga Wednesday: 7pm - Mat based Pilates Friday: 9.30am - Hatha Yoga

Tel: 07532 418542 Email zarano1@msn.com www.zarayogapilates.co.uk SATURDAY 23RD
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Council, 18 Fort Road, Newhaven BN9 9QE

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