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SPRING 2023



Spring is in the air and this is my last foreword as Mayor. Our new Mayor will be elected by the Councillors at the Annual Meeting on 16th May. Why not come along and see how the process works?

I have enjoyed my time as Mayor, and I am really proud to have served Newhaven again. I have met so many interesting people over the past year and learned so much about some of the hidden gems that our lovely town has to offer.

I really hope that this year is the year where we see some real changes for the better in the town centre. Work has been underway for

a while now on the old Co-op building, the Dacre Road car park improvements are starting imminently and there are numerous other projects in the pipeline which could very well be transformational for Newhaven.

The old adage 'use it or lose it' is as true today as it's always been, so please make sure you continue to support your local shops and traders. Let's all get out and about in the town as the warmer days approach and the nights continue to get shorter.

Cllr. Paul Boswell
Town Mayor of Newhaven

If you would like to advertise, have a story you would like to be included in future issues, or an event you would like included in the What's On section, please email [Steph Georgalakis](mailto:steph.georgalakis@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk) steph.georgalakis@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk or phone on 01273 516100.

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News from your Town Council

Did you know that there are three tiers of local government with areas of responsibility in Newhaven?

East Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council and Newhaven Town Council.

Below is a list of which council is responsible for what.

Newhaven Town Council is responsible for:

- Allotments: East Side and Lewes Road
- Christmas Lights
- Some Grass Cutting & Verges
- Newhaven Cemetery, burials
- Social Centres: Meeching Hall, East Side Social Centre, Denton & Mount Pleasant Social Centre and Lewes Road Hut
- Recreation Grounds: Denton Rec, Lewes Road Rec, Valley Road Play Area & Parkour, and East Side Rec
- War Memorial
- Memorial Bench



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East Sussex County Council is responsible for:

- Children's Services
- Education
- Footpaths
- Grass Cutting/Verges
- Highways, Road Conditions and Street Lighting (Tel: 0345 60 80 193)
- Parking Enforcement
- Newhaven Library
- Social Services
- Trading Standards
- Trees & Hedges



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www.eastsussex.gov.uk

Lewes District Council is responsible for:

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Anti-Social Behaviour: Noise and Nuisance
- Business Rates & Business Grants
- Carparks
- Council Tax
- Deceased Animals
- Dog Fouling
- Elections & Electoral Register
- Environmental Health
- Fly Tipping
- Food: Business Registration and Safety
- Flooding
- Housing, including Housing Benefit
- Licensing: Taxis, Alcohol, Tattoo, Street Party etc.
- Litter
- Pest Control
- Pollution
- Recreation Grounds: Fort Road & Avis Road
- Planning & Building Control
- Refuse Collection
- Stray Animals
- Toilets
- Waste & Recycling: Refuse, Food Waste, Bulky Item Collection, Clinical Waste & Sharps



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Newhaven Town Council Meetings

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 11th April
Full Council

May TBC
Town Meeting

Tue 2nd May
Regeneration & Strategic Development
Environment & Amenities

Tue 16th May
Annual Meeting

You now need
photo ID to vote at
a polling station

With local elections coming up on 4th May it is important to note that voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations.

This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

WHAT ID CAN I USE?

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge

- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

I DON'T HAVE AN ACCEPTED FORM OF PHOTO ID?

You can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter

Authority Certificate, if:

- you don't have an accepted form of photo ID
- you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you
- you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason, such as the use of a gender marker

You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

WHAT IF MY ID IS OUT OF DATE?

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you.

I'M AN ANONYMOUS ELECTOR, HOW DO I VOTE IN PERSON?

If you're registered to vote anonymously and want to vote in person, you'll need to apply for an Anonymous Elector's Document.

To find out more, please visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk



DENTON COMMUNITY CHALLENGE 2023 - 'DREAMING IS BELIEVING'

This year's Denton Community Challenge will be held on **Saturday 10th June at Avis Road Recreation Ground in Denton, Newhaven from 1pm – 5pm**. The children's competition for the logo and name of the all-inclusive family fun day kicks off the event planning each year, and you can see this year's logo above.

This will be the 11th Challenge and is always well supported by many local families and businesses.

There will be all the usual fete attractions including a wide variety of stalls and a licenced bar, plus a BBQ kindly provided by the local 2nd Denton & South Highton Scouts. Children can let off

steam on the trampolines, bouncy castle and assault course, while a programme of events in the arena will keep everyone entertained. Sporting activities of all sorts will again be promoted on the day and children can have fun taking part in some or all of these sports challenges. The aim of the day is to provide a fun and inclusive day for families to enjoy and also to raise awareness of the many sporting groups in our locality. And when it's time to calm down a bit they can have their face painted and enjoy an ice cream!

Teas, coffees and delicious cakes will be on sale in the hall, where you can also

browse around the craft fair selling locally made arts, crafts and produce. The Grand Raffle will be drawn later in the afternoon and the ever-popular grand Tug of War finishes the day on a high!

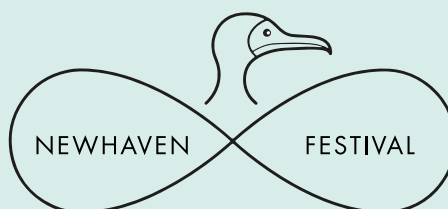
Email dentonchallenge@gmail.com for more information on the event or check out our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/DentonCommunitychallenge for all the latest news.

Denton Community Challenge is organised by a committee made up of Denton Church, the James Daniels Memorial Foundation and Denton School and is run by local volunteers.

Don't forget to check www.newhavenfestival.co.uk for information on creative events in our town. And follow on Instagram and facebook! [@newhavenfestival](https://www.instagram.com/newhavenfestival).

NEW! Newhaven Town Council are funding the creation of a regular bi monthly 'What's On' for creative events this year so be sure to submit via the website any creative events you may be putting on in the town and we will list on the website and support on our social media.

We will also be listing venues, writing about creative events in progress and of course have a full selection of walks, talks, and fun filled community events 2nd- 17th September alongside Artwave.



Current dates for the diary include Saturday June 17th

Sussex Day Celebrations at the Bandstand

Drink, food and music...
FREE for everyone to attend.

Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of local Sussex produce, drinks and musical talent along with children's activities, craft market and local information from all the amazing groups in the area

such a Haven Community Hub.

Full list of Septembers festival will be in the Summer Newhaven Matters including:

Bicycle Ballet - Comedy Festival - Storytelling Walks - Music at the Bandstand - Community Choir

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Newhaven FC Ladies and Girls Football Teams

▲ First Team

The Newhaven FC Ladies and Girls football teams have had a busy winter, enjoying the benefits of the all weather pitch at the Trafalgar Ground.

The Ladies First Team, playing football in the London and South East Regional Women's League, have been in fine form. They currently sit 5th in the league and have made it through to the final of the Eastbourne and District Women's Cup as well as the semi-finals of the League Trophy. An amazing achievement by all involved.

The Ladies Development squad continues to thrive with 27 players now registered to play. Manager Tracy Davies expressed her satisfaction at how the players "are learning to develop their skills and talent and bring enjoyment and laughter to the team". It's great to see that a few players have had the opportunity to step up to the first team.

The youth teams (under 16's, 15's, 13's and 11's) never slowdown in their enthusiasm for the game. The under 16's and 15's continue to train hard and put in strong performances. The under 13's currently sitting in 2nd place in their league impress, especially as they are playing in a league above their age group. Kevin Wilson, their manager, believes they are in with a shout for the league title. The under 11's are showing good signs.

We are currently looking to develop girls' teams at 3 different age groups, under 10's, 12's and 14's. If you would like to take up the challenge of managing a girls' team, being rewarded with the joy of watching them develop and enjoy their football please contact the club through the social media outlets or myself, Alex Ladd, on 07734 693312.



▲ Under 13's Team

Have you or someone you know ever played for Newhaven Football Club?

We are looking into the clubs history, so any memories you have, old programmes or memorabilia, team mates, please let us know at newhavenfcmemories@gmail.com.

SEAHAVEN ACADEMY WELCOMES NEW HEAD

As students return to school after the holidays, those attending Seahaven Academy will welcome their new Principal. Shevlyn Byroo will take up her post at the school for 11-16 year olds and is looking forward to getting to know the school community.

Ms Byroo moved to Eastbourne from South Africa in 2002 to gain more teaching experience and enjoy an adventure with her young family. Whilst Ms Byroo only intended to stay a few years, she fell in love with England's 'Sunshine Coast' and decided to stay and raise her family here.

Starting her career as an English and Biology teacher, Ms Byroo has held leadership positions at schools in Eastbourne. The first in her family to go to university, Ms Byroo understands the importance of a good education and is determined to do the very best for her students. She said:

"Young people really do surprise you. Their honesty is refreshing and when I walk around a school it feels like we have one of the Earth's most precious commodities within our very walls. It is a privilege to be able to influence their future in such a meaningful way."



Talking about her vision for Seahaven Academy, she says:

"I want every student in our care to thrive in every way possible and I will be relentless in helping them reach their potential. All children deserve the best and I take that responsibility very seriously. I look forward to working with the school community to take Seahaven to new heights."

Beyond education, Ms Byroo published her first novel last year. *Across the Kala Pani* draws on her ancestors' history of emigrating from India to South Africa in the early 20th century.



Lynne Mendelsohn
Counsellor MBACP (Senior Accred)

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SCULPTURES TAKE INSPIRATION FROM NEWHAVEN'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

A series of sculptural artworks by award-winning Sussex creative Richard Wolfströme has been unveiled in Avis Way in Newhaven in a bid to attract further investment.

Newhaven Enterprise Zone (NEZ) wants the artworks to help raise the profile of the town and make it a more enjoyable, interactive space for workers, locals and visitors.

The industrial and business estate is now home to a giant A-shaped concrete gateway sculpture and highly polished chrome lettering spelling out 'Avis Way'.

There are also supersized 'A' and 'W' concrete shapes and cubes with timber seating and moulded quotes by notable historical figures such as Hemmingway, Gandhi and Einstein, providing an inspirational spot for a break.

The sculptures have been installed on a green space outside global lighting company Sylvania, which gave its permission for the site to

be used and for the wider community to enjoy.

Richard Wolfströme said: "The artwork in Avis Way is designed to give the people who work and visit the business estate an attractive place to sit and enjoy being outside in an open space. I hope the 'place' quotations are inspiring and give people pause for thought as they take time out of their busy schedules.

"I'm really proud of the work, which features a bold use of materials and an unfussy look. It feels like a true representation of Avis Way and Newhaven, which is robust and creative, and taps into the town's industrial nature and style while having something important to say."

The sculptures have been created to proudly reflect Newhaven's heritage. Concrete, steel and wood combined with bold text celebrate Newhaven's history as a centre for industry.

Corinne Day, NEZ Programme Director, said: "*Richard Wolfströme's wonderful work perfectly encapsulates what we're working hard to achieve here in Newhaven. We have a culture and heritage to rival any of our neighbours.*

"Newhaven has a long and interesting industrial heritage which stretches back centuries and today it's stronger than ever. At the same time, we're lucky to be surrounded by beautiful places to sit and think, such as the South Downs, River Ouse, the sea and of course our new artworks in Avis Way.

"Newhaven is a town with a big heart, a strong sense of community and a determination to reach new heights. That's what makes it so appealing to businesses and creative communities.

"We offer something different on the south coast: greater affordability for people and businesses, real energy and creative inspiration."

BN9 is back in 2023!



Last year, the Newhaven Enterprise Zone in collaboration with Towner Eastbourne supported and co-funded several creative projects in the area under the banner BN9. Among those were the Sea Magic event at the Sidings, multiple events in the Newhaven Festival, the Photo Fringe collage boards in the town square, some of the Hospitable Environment Soup and Socials, and Newhaven Art Space which continues to light up the high street.

Many of these events were devised and produced by Creative Newhaven members, a group of people who work together to help creatives produce cultural activity for the benefit of the town. This year

our nearest public art gallery, Towner Eastbourne, celebrates its centenary, and hosts the prestigious Turner prize, so we in Newhaven are going to be part of one of the nation's biggest art events.

With this in mind an 'Arts Growth' fund was set-up for creatives to apply to, to support their ideas for events and activities in the town this year. You'll soon start to see these projects bear fruit in town, with events and activities in places like the Hillcrest Centre and the Sidings over the summer.

The Sidings, with its popular bistro, is a favourite site to hang out on, particularly when it's warm, and the

Courtyard is available to use for creative community events by contacting creative@newhavenenterprisezone.com.

Check out the Creative Newhaven webpages on www.newhavenenterprisezone.com for more information and to find out ways to get involved in the Newhaven Creative Programme, whether you are an individual, community organisation or local business. Be sure to follow [@creativenewhaven](https://www.instagram.com/creativenewhaven) on Instagram and Facebook, and [@createnewhaven](https://twitter.com/createnewhaven) on Twitter to be the first to hear about events and new opportunities.

WELLBEING AT WORK AWARD SUCCESS!

Havens Community Hub CIC has received the Wellbeing At Work Bronze Award from East Sussex County Council for their commitment to supporting employee wellbeing, making them the first not-for-profit small organisation to achieve the criteria.

East Sussex Wellbeing at Work is an accreditation programme that provides a free framework for employers to improve wellbeing in the workplace.

The programme takes a holistic approach, including the following topics:

Physical Activity and Active

Travel, Healthy Eating, Musculoskeletal Health and Health & Safety, Mental Health, Sickness Absence, Return to Work and Prevention, Alcohol, Substance Misuse, and Stop Smoking, Leadership, Management, and Workplace Culture.

Founder, Paula Woolven, said "investing in wellbeing is a priority for Havens Community Hub and all its projects and partner charities because having a healthy and productive team should be the aim of every business. We have also been able to access free training opportunities through the programme and I'm sure this will improve staff satisfaction and retention."

To find out more or to sign up for free, visit wellbeingatwork.eastsussex.gov.uk.



▼ Havens Community Hub representatives accept the award. (Left to right) Paula Woolven, Rebecca Woolven, Dani McDonald, Dawn Norman.





NEWHAVEN 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 2pm 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 and having fun making new friends among fellow local artists.

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

Our next exhibition is at The Crypt Gallery Seaford 24th – 30th May 2023 10.00 – 16.00.

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.



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.

BREWHAVEN RETURNS.

Brewhaven Sussex Craft Beer Festival returns bigger and better for its third year in the impressive surroundings of Newhaven Fort on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April.

Tickets are selling fast for the popular event that celebrates the fantastic and diverse selection of craft beers being made locally.

Organisers Newhaven Festival and Visit Lewes have invited 16 of the area's best craft breweries to showcase their products and sell direct to festival-goers, along with delicious treats from top local food producers and a wine and Sussex spirits bar for non-beer drinkers.

In response to high demand for evening tickets, a Friday

night session has been added, along with Saturday afternoon, and a further Saturday evening session.

Councillor James MacCleary, Leader of Lewes District Council and Newhaven Town Councillor, said: *"The festival was a huge hit in 2022 and this year's Brewhaven promises to be even better with more outstanding local beers and food to enjoy in the iconic setting of Newhaven Fort."*

"It's a great outing for people of all ages with a family-friendly vibe for the afternoon session and more of a party feel for over 18s in the evening including fantastic live music."

"Coming along is the perfect way to sample and support our wonderful array of local brewers, and with lots of tickets already snapped up book quickly to secure your festival place!"

The daytime session, from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday, will be a laid back, family-friendly event with the Fort's playground open and free craft activities to keep younger visitors entertained. The café will be serving soft drinks, ice cream, snacks and sandwiches, while brewers offer their products under the cover of the Second World War Romney Hut.

At the over 18s-only Saturday night session, which runs from 6pm to 10pm, there will be more fabulous craft beer, great food, music and DJs.

To find out more, go to www.visitlewes.co.uk, and for tickets, www.eventbrite.co.uk.



BREW HAVEN



28.04.23 & 29.04.23

A FESTIVAL OF CRAFT BEER AT NEWHAVEN FORT

Taste & buy direct from local producers
Live music, DJs, local food, bars & cafe

Fri 28th April 6 – 10pm (over 18s)
Sat 29th April 1 – 5pm (kids welcome) + Sat 29th April 6 – 10pm (over 18s)



Check visitlewes.co.uk
for ticket information
and to find out who's taking part



HILLCREST CENTRE NEWS

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

The Hillcrest Centre means so many things to so many people and we'd like to thank everyone who has supported our '**Buy a Brick for the Hillcrest**' campaign so far. Further investigations have highlighted that the cost of repairs will run into six figures, and so we need your help more than ever to keep our historic building at the heart of the community.

Please visit www.hillcrestcentre.co.uk to pledge your support, or - even better - drop in and say hello.

What's coming up at the Hillcrest Centre?

Here's just some of what's on in the coming months. Visit www.hillcrestcentre.co.uk for more details and tickets.

On the 15th April brilliant local folk band **Sairie** team up with the **Tidemills Choir** for what promises to be a great gig, filling the hall with dozens of voices. Come and soak up the sound. By the



time you receive this copy of NM, we will probably have added a Broadwood concert grand piano to our community facilities. We'd love to hear from anyone with ideas for a concert.

On the 20th April, Hospitable Environment host a second screening of **The Nettle Dress**. Textile artist Allan Brown spent seven years making a dress by hand just from locally foraged stinging nettles. The greenest of slow fashion and also his medicine, how he survives the death of his wife. The film is followed by a Q&A, and you'll get a chance to see the dress up close.

Hospitable Environment will also host the third chapter of **The Sussex Women Supper Club** in May (date tbc). This time supper will be followed by an interview with local ceramicist **Sarah Walton**, who has lived and worked in Alciston for many decades.

Come along to the **Newhaven Flea market and car boot sale** on the third Saturday of each month (10am-3pm) and buy arts and crafts, clothes, food and vintage direct from local people.

Upcoming market dates:

15th April
20th May
17th June

For pitch bookings or to enquire about our free stall



for community groups, email newhavenflea@gmail.com. Our thanks to market sponsors Newhaven Town Council and SCDA.

Join us for a movie at the **Community Cinema**.

Upcoming films are:

22nd April - La Vie En Rose
27th May - Where the Crawdads Sing
24th June - Hunt for the Wilderpeople

Doors open 6pm/film 7.30pm. £6. Supper is available before the film in our **community cafe**. The cafe is open Monday - Friday 9.30-3.30 for freshly prepared breakfast, lunch or a friendly cuppa. Our **cafe gallery** features monthly exhibitions by talented local artists **Diets Verschuren & Caroline Marsland** (April), **Helen Bashford** (May), and **Bishopstone Art Club** (June).



Newhaven & Peacehaven u3a is ready for the Spring. The u3a continues to offer a wide range of interest groups from art to ukulele via bridge and discussion. These meet weekly, or monthly, mostly at the homes of members.

Diary of events:

Wednesday 5th April,
2:30pm

"Behind the Seams; The Strictly Costumes Show" at the Meridian Centre Peacehaven. Non-members welcome. Cost £10 Contact u3anp@outlook.com for more details.

Thursday 6th April, 2:15pm

The Monthly Meeting. A talk by Melanie Gibson Barton "Three Women, One Man - glamour, wealth and heart break" The Meridian Centre Peacehaven. Prospective members welcome to try us out.

Tuesday 11th April, 10am

Informal Coffee Morning at Peacehaven Stonehouse Carvery.

Wednesday 26th April,
7.45pm

Madama Butterfly at The Theatre Royal, Brighton.

Thursday 4th May, 2:15pm

The Monthly Meeting. A talk by Ed Tyhurst - "D Day

and Beyond. Newhaven - Invasion to Celebration". The Meridian Centre Peacehaven. Prospective members welcome to try us out.

Tuesday 9th May, 10am

Informal Coffee Morning at Peacehaven Stonehouse Carvery.

Sunday 21st May

Thames River Cruise with Sunday lunch.

Thursday 1st June, 2:15pm

The Monthly Meeting. A talk by Neil Peters - "Recycling" at The Hillcrest Centre Newhaven.

Tuesday 13th June, 10am

Informal Coffee Morning at Peacehaven Stonehouse Carvery.

For the rest of the year, plans already underway for Theatre Group visits to see "Magic of the Musicals" (Peacehaven Players) in June, Guys and Dolls (The Rattonians) in July, Everybody's Talking About Jamie" (Theatre Royal) in November and "Alice in Pantoland" (Peacehaven Players) in December. We expect more shows to be added.

The Lunch Bunch dines out on the last Friday of each month.

The monthly meeting has an

interesting talk each month on the first Thursday of each month.

The informal Coffee Mornings are on the second Tuesday of each month.



The u3a is a self-help charity for people no longer in full-time employment. It is run by and for its members. You can find out more about Newhaven & Peacehaven including a list of all the interest groups available by visiting our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/newhaven-peacehaven>, Facebook page or YouTube channel (@u3a_newhaven-peacehaven).

You can also email us on u3anp@outlook.com. If you'd like to speak to a human, phone Sally on 01273 513707 or Sharon on 01273 589953.

At **NEWHAVEN GREEN CENTRE** we have been busy stocking up our 'Library of Things'. We held a launch event in January and are steadily getting more members. Please do sign up if you haven't already. It's free, you just need some photo and address ID and to fill in a form.

We now have a great selection of camping equipment and working towards having a 'party' package so you can borrow items for parties such as cake tins, a crockery set, bunting and so on – helping reduce the need for you to buy disposable stuff.

Last month, we hosted a well-attended public meeting with Neil Peters, Lewes District Council's Community Recycling Engagement Officer. He gave us the lowdown on what happens to the recycling that you put in your kerbside box, how you can reduce waste and why it's better some things are thrown in the waste bin rather than the recycling bin. The main advice was to always check the Council recycling guide, and if in doubt – leave it out. In particular, don't put batteries or blister-packs of pills in your recycling: you can recycle batteries in electrical shops or at the dump, and bring your blister packs to us at the Green Centre.

Our monthly Repair Cafes are going from strength to strength. So far we estimate that our Repair Cafe, 'bring-and-take' table and recycling activities have saved hundreds of items from landfill. Dates of our next Repair Cafes are Sunday 16th April and 14th May.

In January, some of us went to talk to the 'Eco Club' at Denton Community Primary School to talk about our work. We were really impressed with how so many young people already understand the importance of learning to repair their items rather than throw them away and to buy second hand where possible. Do get in touch if you'd like us to speak at any clubs or groups you know of.

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Pre-Jean mend



Post-Jean mend

GREENHAVENS AND THE OUSE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION



Spring is just around the corner and with the exciting arrival of the Ouse Valley Climate Action National Lottery-funded project it really is an exciting time to be involved with local green groups. We had the fantastic Stephanie Mills attend our last Network Meeting where she outlined the plans and the delivery of the funding over the next three years. This huge project was awarded £2 Million from the National Lottery Community Fund which aims to tackle climate change in the lower Ouse Valley and the Havens.

The funding is going to cover three main areas: nature recovery and climate resilience, people's knowledge and skills and also greener energy and travel. It will have a huge impact on the area and importantly on the community that lives here.

The funding was awarded after several years of discussion and planning from the South Downs National Trust and is a 3 year project allowing communities to deliver and create positive action in the battle against Climate Change. With this funding, quantitative and important projects will aim to increase biodiversity, combat climate mitigation, all whilst involving community at its heart to create a brighter more resilient future for all that live here.

What this means for Greenhavens is that Jessie (Wilder Gardens) and I will be able to continue our roles for the next three years delivering training with industry experts, fun and informative wildlife walks, fun family events teaching our young the importance of nature and the need to preserve it and continue to support and spread the word about all that our fantastic local groups are doing.

The results of this funding will have far reaching effects for many years to come and gives nature a more resilient network whilst giving community and our children a future that has hope and offers communities to come together to create a better place for us all to live in. It's a gift that will keep on giving for generations in the future. Local groups to Newhaven will receive funding to create their green spaces and these new projects will engage community and give them training and help to enable a healthier and brighter future. Thank you, National Lottery, and all at the Ouse Valley Climate Action Group and the South Downs National Trust for all their hard work in making this happen. It really will have far reaching effects for the local community and enhance the green spaces we know and love.

Miriam Thundercliffe,
Network Co-Ordinator





Newhaven Tree Wardens

Making Newhaven green and leafy



Way back in November 2020, we were asked by a resident about planting a few trees between Hillcrest Rd and Geneva Rd.

Last month, with the help of a few members from Newhaven Museum and other local residents, we planted three Rowan trees in memory of the lady who initially contacted us, Marcia Honeyball, who sadly recently passed away.

Marcia was an active member of Newhaven Museum, an avid rower with Newhaven Gig Rowing Club, and always supported our Tree Warden activities, she had a strong community spirit and loved where she lived.



▲ Marcia Honeyball

Embrace Your Weeds!

Why weeds are important for biodiversity

We have all heard no doubt, that there is large global collapse in bees and insect numbers. Up to 60% in the last 20 years.

But why is this important to us and how can we help?

Insects and pollinators like bees are crucial, not just for pollinating crops that we eat, but also within the whole ecosystem.

To put it simply. "We rely on biodiversity for entire support systems, for humans, as well as animal life and without it these are in danger of collapsing. We rely on nature to provide us with food, clean water, a number of medicines and to prevent flooding and extreme weather effects". (Client Earth)

Our very simple grass verges (and lawns) can play an important part of improving the insect population in the following way.



Many "weeds" are actually native wildflowers, like dandelions, which provide nectar and importantly an early nectar source in spring and some of these flowers are actually the sole food plant of some bees and butterflies that lay their larvae on them. These are plants such as daisies, plantain, thistles, celandine, yarrow, meadow grasses, fleabane and ragwort. Many of these grow on verges and struggle to survive as we have all become accustomed to having our grass verges cut short. Moreover, these flowers are vastly more indispensable and attract much higher numbers of pollinating insects on various studies carried out by organisations such as Plantlife. These plants are not so much found in agricultural land such as the South Downs, they are usually different wildflowers.

The Town Council already provides several semi-natural areas across its open spaces and highways verges thus allowing the plants more of a chance to feed the bees and they will be discussing further potential spaces with their contractors going forward.



Sometimes supporting your local pollinators is as simple as this :)

If you want to give a helping hand to our pollinators this year, then why not wait a while before mowing your lawns?

Or if you cannot bear to see your lawn looking too shabby then consider using the 'managed edge' technique; keeping an area of wilderness in the middle whilst making sure your garden still looks neat and tidy at the edges. Every square metre of uncut lawn is a place for the bees to feed.



NIPPERS

Newhaven Integrated Play Project Educational and Recreational Services

Is 50!



N.I.P.P.E.R.S. was established in 1973 by a group of parents, teachers, youth workers and the council to provide two weeks of activities during the long summer holidays, using various community venues around the town.

In 1989, N.I.P.P.E.R.S. was instrumental in refurbishing Newhaven Boys Club (now known as Shakespeare Hall, after the original building in South Road) and the activities extended to providing a Saturday morning club as well as the playscheme.

In 1992, N.I.P.P.E.R.S. registered with the County Council and then Ofsted to provide activities out of school 51 weeks of the year for children and young people aged 3-17 and was established as a registered Charity, run by volunteers. After many years the group moved to the East Side Social Centre

in November 2019 and we continue to provide activities at that site and take part in many community events. We currently collect children from 6 schools in the area and bring them to play - indoors and out, take part in activities, chill, and have tea with us until 6pm. Holiday playschemes run between 7.30am and 6pm. N.I.P.P.E.R.S. was the first group in Lewes District to be awarded the Out of School Aiming High Accreditation.

We are committed to enabling children and young people to develop through their play and leisure activities and offer a wide range of activities including Forest School as many of the staff and volunteers are qualified Forest School Leaders. As with other settings, N.I.P.P.E.R.S. is fully compliant with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

To celebrate our 50th birthday, we will be holding a Fun Day in East Side Park, (behind the Range), Norton Road, Newhaven, **from 11am-3pm on 22nd July.**

We are planning free or low-cost activities for all. Parking is limited, so walk or use public transport, bring a picnic and stay for the day. We hope to see all those who have previously been involved in delivering the project or attended our activities over the years.

If you are interested in a stall or promoting your group, please contact us.

See you all soon.

Contact Facebook nippers;
website www.nippers.org.uk

For details of our activities
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Phone 07564 452837.



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Our home is Riverside Hall, Riverside, West Quay, Newhaven, BN9 9BP.

Our charity is run for the benefit of Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities or Difficulties, including those with physical disabilities.

We use our hall for our Social Club between 7pm and 9pm on Friday evenings for our members.

A NEW VENTURE!

We are beginning to use Riverside Hall as a "Warm

Space" and Drop-In facility on Thursdays between 11am and 3pm.

Our hall is primarily used for functions to benefit members of our club but is also available as a valuable venue for other local groups to use. (Please phone the above number for more information).

The hall can be booked for Private Functions at a very reasonable rate. Please phone 01273 517345 for availability (preferably giving one month's notice of booking date).



▲ HMS Sea Devil at Msida Creek, Malta, 1961© Crown,
Courtesy of the National Museum of the Royal Navy

AN APPEAL TO YOU

The archives at Newhaven Fort need your help

By Ed Tyhurst

In preparation for the 2023 season, over Winter I was busy re-organising, among others, our Sussex Sea & Air exhibition- filing away some of the artefacts & clearing space for new donations, many of which with a strong local connection. In conversations with one of our electrical contractors regarding some of the new Royal Navy exhibits, he remembers a RN Submarine which came to Newhaven for scrapping during the 1960's.

HMS Sea Devil (pennant no.P244) was a British 'S' Class submarine built at the Scotts Shipbuilding & Engineering Co, Greenock, Scotland. Laid down on May 5th, 1943, launched on January 30th 1945 & commissioned on May 12th- four days after VE-Day.

In July she made preparations to join the Pacific Fleet. Sailing through the Mediterranean in early August, she & her crew of 48 arrived at Malta on the 15th, the day of the Japanese surrender-bringing an end to the Second World War.

After post-war modernisation, including the removal of her deck & anti-aircraft guns, replaced with a retractable snorkel & improved sonar, she re-joined the Fleet with new pennant number S44 in 1951. In June 1953, she was one of around twenty submarines which took part in the Coronation Review for Queen Elizabeth II. Deployed to the Mediterranean again in 1955, she took part in tests of an Infra-Red line scan system code-named 'Yellow Duckling'-

designed to detect the wake of submerged submarines. Decommissioned on June 4th, 1962, she was the last Wartime 'S' Class in service.

HMS Sea Devil arrived at Newhaven in December 1965, broken up by Metal Recoveries (?) near Robinson Rd. If anyone reading this has any further memories of Sea Devil in Newhaven Harbour, photographs or possibly 'souvenirs', I'd be very interested to include them in future exhibitions at Newhaven Fort.

Please contact us either
by telephone or email
at 01273 517622
fortinfo@waveleisure.co.uk.



NEWHAVEN IS THE GATEWAY TO DIEPPE

Make the most of it!

George Marsden

▲ International Kite festival, Dieppe

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Having Newhaven Port, with its regular service to Dieppe, is very special indeed. It costs less to jump on the ferry and take a trip to France than taking the train to London, coming back the following day. You don't need a car and a couple of adults can go as foot passengers for less than £100 (depending on the time of year). Some seem deterred by the length of the crossing (four hours) but just think of it as part of the experience. Unless it is very rough, it's comfortable and really quite fun (assuming you like boats!)

There is a castle, restaurants by the port, bars and an amazing market on Saturday mornings. None of that overpriced "artisan" stuff but where the locals go to buy

good quality locally produced food and of course cheese! You can learn about the ill-fated Dieppe Raid (that set out from Newhaven in WWII) and if the weather is lousy and you have the kids with you, take them to the impressive aquatic centre for a couple of hours.

If you want to explore further afield take a bike and if you want to save some cash, pack a picnic for the crossing. This excursion works very well compared to just about any other option involving braving the traffic to another part of the UK. It's viable for young people wanting a bit of an adventure, families wanting a short trip away or couples in need of a little time to themselves. The only catch is that it does not

work as a day trip, due to the length of the crossing. So, you are committed to a nights accommodation and it can easily end up costing more than the ferry. However, there are lots of options ranging in price and one night is enough.

This is an absolute gem on our doorstep. Whether you want to just chill, visit some sights, eat lots of seafood, or buy cheese (did I mention the cheese). Best of all is the feeling you get as you sail back and see Newhaven and Seaford approaching. The ferry practically takes you all the way back home.

For more information, visit www.dieppetourisme.com.



▲ Le Bar O Mètre, Dieppe



▲ Dieppe Marché



▲ Dieppe Beach



NEWHAVEN BOWLING CLUB

Newhaven Bowling Club are a long-standing, fun and friendly bowls club, run by its members for the members.

We have a great clubhouse and one of the best greens in the county, on Newhaven's Fort Rd recreation ground.

Bowls is a great low impact way of keeping fit for all ages and enjoying a fun challenge.

During the winter we play Short Mat bowls in the clubhouse three times a week, on Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and Saturday mornings.

From April until the end of September we have fun matches against each other, with friendlies or matches against other clubs at home and away.

We have a coach and experienced players who can teach you and bring on your game, whatever your ability.

People are welcome to come along and we have a special welcoming open day on **Saturday 13th May**.

Check out the club's website www.NewhavenBowlingClub.weebly.com or email us at nbowlscsocialmedia@gmail.com or call Jose Baker for more details on 07542 608304.

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES RAIL PARTNERSHIP CIC



Bishopstone Railway Station Community Hub Proves to be a Popular Venue

Community volunteers are celebrating the runaway success of their restored railway building with packed attendance at organised events.

The Old Parcel Room at Bishopstone railway station opened last November after five years of fundraising by the Friends of Bishopstone Station.

In the three months since it opened, the community hub has hosted weekly 'Meet Up Mondays' drop-in sessions, a local history talk about the development of Newhaven, art classes, sewing lessons, French language tuition and yoga practice.

The venue has also been booked for meetings by various rail organisations including Southeast Communities Rail

Partnership which worked with the community volunteers on bringing the redundant building back to life.

Barbara Mine, chair of the Friends of Bishopstone Station, said: "It is wonderful to see so many people using the community hub in our first three months of operation. It makes all our efforts worthwhile to know we are helping people in the community by providing a range of activities in a warm space on their doorstep."

Paul Bromley, Community Rail line officer for the Sussex Downs Line, commented: "Full credit to the Friends of Bishopstone Station in achieving so many bookings so soon after opening. The level of interest in using the community hub has been outstanding and we look forward to holding one of our future meetings on the site."

Any groups interested in using the Bishopstone community hub should email friendsofbishopstonestation@yahoo.com.

The restoration of the Old Parcel Room was carried out as a partnership project involving Southern, Network Rail, Railway Heritage Trust, Community Rail Network, Department for Transport, the Friends of Bishopstone Station and Southeast Communities Rail Partnership.

For further information, please contact Paul Bromley, Community Rail Line Officer, Southeast Communities Rail Partnership paul@southeastcrp.org 07949 314233.



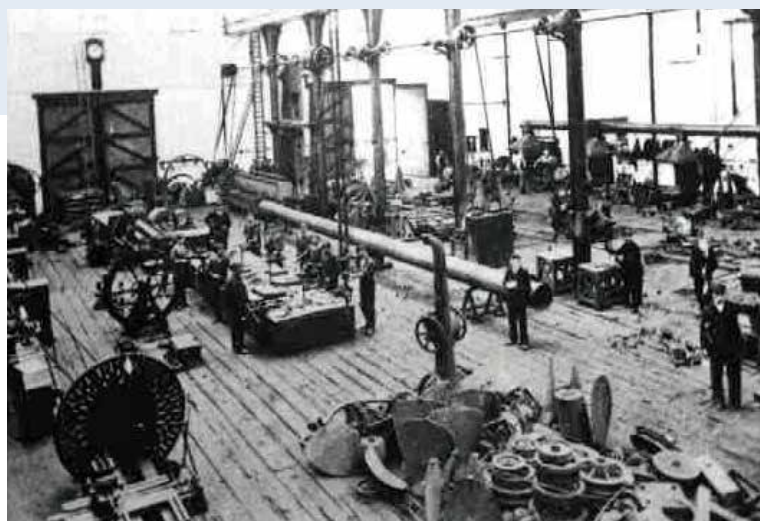
Packed community hub for talk by Derek Eager of Newhaven Museum during a 'Meet Up Mondays' event.

Credit: Southeast Communities Rail Partnership

Marine Workshops / UTC Building

There can't be many Newhaven residents that don't recognise the outside of the former Marine Workshops, but our picture this time shows the interior of workshops in the early 1900's.

Colloquially known as the 'Marine Shops', the engineering workshops were constructed in 1882 and until the early 1960's were used to repair both train and ship engines. The upper story was partly rebuilt during the mid 1940's and the building was re-roofed in 1961. During the war, in 1944, the building sustained some damage when a barge laden with munitions struck a mine outside the harbour. The listed building, having been empty for a number of years, was repurposed as a University Technical College specialising in marine and environmental engineering. This sadly did not work out and the building was left empty once more. Now the building is due to become a space for education and learning, along with commercial area, primarily covering maritime and sustainable technologies. The building aims to provide for a number of different uses.



Our Newhaven is an easy to use 'living history' website, with hundreds of pages of memories and well over a thousand images, many exclusive to the site. You can add your own images, stories and memories to the site by creating your own page at

www.ournewhaven.org.uk – there's an online tutorial for new users – or you can email them into us at info@ournewhaven.org.uk and we'll create the page for you. Alternatively, you can drop them off at the Town Council Offices in Fort Road. We'll collect them, create the page and return the items to you.



NEWHAVEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Visit from our Twin Town

The weekend of 2nd - 5th June this year will see Newhaven Twinning Association receive forty plus visitors from our Twin Town of La Chapelle Saint Mesmin.

Visitors will be staying with members from our association, and we are planning a full programme for the weekend.

If you would like to meet any of our French friends, keep an eye

on our Facebook page, or feel free to contact Norman Hopson on 01273 588193, or email norman.hopson@btinternet.com.

Norman can also be contacted if you are interested in joining our association.

As well as organising visits to and from La Chapelle Saint Mesmin, we run a range of social events, and every Sunday morning you can meet some of us at the boule court opposite the Hope pub on Fort Road. Anyone is welcome to join us there, either to watch, or to join us in a game.

Quiz Night

Newhaven Twinning Association are holding one of their popular quiz evenings on

Friday 14th April.

It will take place at the 3rd Newhaven Scout HQ in Fort Road BN9 9EJ, starting at 7.30pm.

It costs £5 per person with teams of up to six people. There are prizes for the winning team, and a consolation prize for the team that comes last.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

To reserve a table, please contact Norman Hopson on 01273 588193. Or email: norman.hopson@btinternet.com.

You can also look at our Facebook page Newhaven Twinning Association for more about us.



WOOD CREATIVES

MAKING SCULPTURE NATURALLY

▲ Abstract approaches
by Barbara Hepworth

“ I felt the most intense pleasure in piercing the material in order to make an abstract form and space; quite a different sensation from that of doing it for the purpose of realism. ”

Barbara Hepworth

Wood Creatives, are a diverse group of men & women who love creating and making things from wood. Our members are making items from the wide variety of wood available to us using a variety of techniques. These include relief carving, sculpture, lathe turning, scroll sawing and pyrography – just to name a few. We also have been known to make furniture, boxes and other household items as well as fixing chairs, stools and other broken and damaged furniture – we have been “The Repair Shop” for decades. We are always open to new ideas and techniques that broaden the scope for working with the wide variety of timbers available and to include the many craft skills involved in working creativity with wood.

We are steadily gathering in numbers from Seaford, Newhaven and the whole East Sussex area. We continue to improve our equipment and facilities at our workshop within The Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road, Newhaven. Wood Creatives of Newhaven have traditionally been a woodcarving club although members have undertaken a wide range of wood crafts.

The Club is now running a wood turning section so that members can turn wooden objects like table legs, vases, tool handles, mallets, dishes, bowls and much more. The Club has four lathes and also has chisels and other turning tools available to use. With this wealth of equipment the Club is currently running a wood turning day every Tuesday. Initially there will be teaching sessions and days with expert help at hand to guide and advise. Those who are passed out on the lathes will be able to use them unsupervised. The Club has limited safety equipment for members but participants are advised to have their own if possible.

As we are in a position to engage with community groups and help future projects with our skills and workshop facilities, we hope to forge wider links to community activities making lasting relationships and welcome new ideas to our Wood Creative facilities.

Currently, we open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 3.30pm. As our numbers have increased we now have the options to open on other weekdays (Wednesday and

Friday) and as the new year unfolds we are considering the possibilities of opening in the evenings and even weekends if demand is high enough. The current fees are £25 per month, with half price for the unwaged (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.

The current management team (Jeremy Adams – secretary, Joe Boylan – publicity) has built up the membership to pre lockdown levels. We are however very keen to welcome new members to our club, If interested please pop by on a Monday, Tuesday or a Thursday to look us over & have a guided tour. Wood Creatives are at The Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road, Newhaven, BN9 9LH.

If you need any information contact Joe 07768 331 038. See our website at www.woodcreatives.co.uk and our Facebook page at Wood Creatives Newhaven.



Mondays... we always think that it's very aptly named as, let's face it, it can be fairly 'mundane'.

But if you come along to the Hillcrest on a Monday night, you just might find your 'mundane' Monday has turned into a 'musical' Monday, a 'melodic' Monday and if you were feeling a bit tired when you arrive, after a good old singsong, we feel sure you will be feeling quite perky again!

Some members joined the Choir from the very first day it started at the Hillcrest Centre in 2010 and are still here as we enter our 13th year! We started 2023 by welcoming a new leader, Cara Barseghian, who is a professional singer and Choir leader. We all share the same passion,

using our voice to make music with others. It's an enjoyable experience and a great opportunity to make new friends...and we perform locally to support charity and other community projects.

If you'd like to join our friendly choir, why not try our free taster session, so there's nothing to lose. You don't need to read music and you don't need to audition and if you would like to come again it is £5 a week thereafter.

We can be found at The Hillcrest Centre – Monday evenings 7pm – 8.30 pm. If you want to find out more our email address is: havenharmoniescommunitychoir@gmail.com or just come along on a Monday night, you will be most welcome.



Newhaven Furniture Warehouse & Donation Centre

Our Newhaven Warehouse in the Ranalah Trade Park, New Road is known for selling quality pre-loved furniture, white goods and homeware at great prices. We have an amazing team who work hard to make the warehouse a great place to visit and grab yourself a bargain, and it also now houses our donation centre. We are currently looking for volunteers to help within the donation centre, so if you have a few hours spare each week and would like to join our friendly team, we would love to hear from you.

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Volunteering with us

Would you like to support older people in your community? Are you interested in a career in working with older people? Would you like to join our lovely Social Prescribing team and help us make East Sussex smile?

Working directly with older people to support them to maintain independence, attend a walking group to support frail people in their health and wellbeing, or join our befriending service.

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Review of A Grandma's Grimm

The Christmas season had Meeching Hall packed with audience of all ages with Ignite's production of 'A Grandma's Grimm' which united Newhaven's community through the art of storytelling. *"The rain was lashing down but there was sunshine and happiness on everyone's faces".*

The Norcross Dancers, the actors of Haven Young Creatives and the music accompaniment from Katie Grant represent only a few of the collaborators for this project. Director and local Writer Xanthe Gresham Knight worked the Ignite team to create an energetic and distinctive interpretation of the Grimm Fairy Tales.



Disney has popularised many of these stories and many pay homage to the Brothers Grimm for creating them. However, this production was an ode to the Grandmothers who told the Brothers their infamous childhood stories; the Grandma played a central role in setting the scene for each performance and the continual reappearance of the symbolic spinning top emphasised the art of creating - from building to weaving to telling stories.

"It showed great insight into the Grimm's stories and offered glimpses of associated myths and other stories from the oral tradition".

The shadow puppet screen told the story of The Child and Snake, which helped to continue the thread between each tale *"I loved the costumes, too, sourced from a local theatrical charity or hand-made".*

Adapted through improvisation exercises and other forms of play, it created a unique version of the stories and brought them to life through creative mediums with lighting, dance, music, song, and puppetry to connect with the audience.



"The show took the audiences to faraway lands and gave the children much-needed imagination fuel! Everyone loved it!"

The fantastical fairy tales were transformed into humorous and entertaining pieces for all ages, representing a true ensemble piece and the dividend of hard work. In the words of an attendee.

"This was the kind of feel-good production - professional but with plenty of community input - we have come to love from Ignite"

"The actors were wonderful to watch, playing many parts wholeheartedly and with great talent"

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

"I like Ignite Theatre's endeavours to combine popular forms with experimental approaches and artistic integrity"

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"The energy was fantastic; the dancing was magical, and the music brought it all together"

Meeching Hall,
Newhaven,
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By Ella Hickson
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Review of The Flint Street Nativity

by Paula Woolven



▲ The cast of The Flint Street Nativity

Having performed myself as a bossy and overbearing Angel Gabriel at the age of 5 (lording it up over tea-towelled shepherds and several nose-picking sheep) I was looking forward to reminiscing at the Meeching Amateur Dramatics production of The Flint Street Nativity.

I vaguely remembered the 1999 ITV TV film, based on the play, which had a cast of almost every notable British comedian at the time including Frank Skinner, Neil Morrissey, Jane Horrocks, John Thomson, and Ralf Little.

The script focuses on the seven-year-old pupils in the school nativity play, from the pre-performance classroom preparations to the final stage performance, which culminates in calamity.

There are inevitable mishaps, misunderstandings, young egos, fears of failure, and fallings out. The children's characters eventually evolve into mirror images of their parents when the actors all appear as their parents (the play's audience) at the post-show gathering.

Oversize props on stage added to the illusion of the cast being youngsters and the baby Jesus looked like a melted waxwork of Margaret Thatcher - until its head fell off!

Pianist Margaret Law-Sampson welcomed theatregoers with a lovely rendition of Christmas carols as we were seated, and the show opened with Mrs. Horrocks (played by show director Donna Beard) giving health and safety announcements.

Edd Ginn, playing the Star and Donkey, was outstanding with natural and hilarious mannerisms that had me transfixed every time he stepped on stage. He also has a good singing voice and his song about 'getting away with swearing whilst wearing a donkey head' was incredibly funny and well delivered.

Although the children's characters were deliberately exaggerated, the changed words to the traditional carols about their home lives and the way their parents treated and influenced them with their actions, both good and bad, really hit close to home at times.

Mary, played by Jenny Humphries, had a nemesis in the jealous Angel Gabriel, played by Amy Ginn. Their rivalry was great, and Jenny delighted by playing a splendid recorder solo! At one point, the play became very current, when Joseph found himself (unwillingly) in a 'throuple', with both girls as they fought over the part of Mary and

accepted gifts from the wise men.

Bradley, the Innkeeper, was played by Robert Woodbridge on his debut with MAD. His song explained his 'naughty boy' reputation and fascination with tormenting the class pet, Peter Crouch, the stick insect.

Robert Horscraft, known locally as the 'true Santa', shaved off his long white beard in order to play the teddy-carrying narrator of the show.

Joseph/Herrod, a NASA-obsessed, distracted, and shy lad in a Burger King paper crown was played by Steve Darvill performing some great sports impressions.

A bedraggled sheep was dragged onstage by shepherd, Mary Shorthouse, but she sadly didn't pick his nose.

Polly Sands, David Hallett, and Tracey Robinson also gave great performances as the wise men & angelic chorus.

A small but appreciative audience enjoyed the hard work put in by the crew of Chris Page, Debbie and Ray Cox, Alison Bradbury, Jed Denness, Tony Gibbs, Gary Ginn, and Ann Page.

I look forward to the next productions from Newhaven's homegrown talent at MAD - The Lying Kind in May and Telstar in August.



DENTON ISLAND NURSERY – SPACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022!

Our community nursery has been open for over 18 years and provides a fun and vibrant environment for children from 3 months to 5 years old. We welcome your visits and enquiries – come and see our large nursery garden, our bright, spacious building and meet our experienced and caring team. We are proud to have a long serving, friendly staff team who provide children with opportunities for challenge and risk, and learning through messy play.

Children have the opportunity to be involved in part of our forest school sessions in our

large garden, experiencing the natural world around them.

We are part of Sussex Community Development Association, and are located in Denton Island Community Centre, with adjacent car parking and close to railway station and bus stops. Open 50 weeks of the year, we accept 2-year funding and both 15 and 30 hour 3-year-old funding.

For more information or to arrange a visit, call 01273 515125 or email nursery@sussexcommunity.org.uk or visit www.sussexcommunity.org.uk.



CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, CURRENT MEMBERS AND NEW... FRI-YAY IS THE NEW MONDAY!

Our term time, weekly Monday youth club session has moved to a **Friday 4pm - 5.30pm**.

Fri-yay youth club is for young people aged 8-11 year olds (End of year 6). We have qualified, experienced team members on hand at every session. Come and have some fun at the youth centre with games tables, games consoles, arts and crafts, meeting new friends, learning life skills, cooking and more!

If you would like to ask any questions or enquire about other youth activities call Newhaven youth team on 07514 667104.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

We are looking to form a community group that focuses on ensuring that equality and diversity are celebrated in positive ways in our local community (the Havens). Our group will look at ways to highlight diversity and collaborate with local organisations and other community groups supporting the development of multi-culturalism, diversity, and inclusion.

This will be done through a variety of different methods, including connecting with

our community to understand existing needs, hosting events, fundraising, and helping to empower diverse people.

The group is open to all members of the community who are passionate about promoting and improving all forms of diversity. This is a community-led project that will be supported by local organisations including SCDA.

If you would like to participate please contact the Sompriti team on 01273516032 or email Sompriti@sussexcommunity.org.uk or Poppy.murray@sussexcommunity.org.uk.



WHAT'S ON FREE OF CHARGE FOR FAMILIES AT DENTON ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE?

Under 5s:

Jitterbugs toddler group every Monday 10am-12pm term time only.

Drop in, no need to book, bring your little ones along to socialise and have fun with lots of different activities/resources to get involved with. Our session ends with music/singing.

Sensory Room. Did you know you can hire the sensory room by the hour any afternoon week days for a small charge.

Children aged 7 years & over:

HAF project Holiday Play Scheme - Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays more details and how to secure your child's places coming soon – watch social media or check out SCDA's website for more information!!

As well as all of the activities above we also work closely with Newhaven Families Forum (NFF) – who are a group of local parents/carers who meet regularly to fundraise

and plan activities for local families. These volunteers also run Newhaven's Uniform bank. If you would like to get involved – have an idea, or a few hours to spare, or of course need second hand uniform (or have some to donate) please drop NFF an email on NFF@sussexcommunity.org.uk.

Contact us on 01273 517250 or email families@sussexcommunity.org.uk.

Dates for the diary.

April – June 2023

1 – 30 April

The Hillcrest Art Gallery – Diets Verschuren & Caroline Marsland. Mon to Fri 9am – 3pm & Market Saturday

Tuesday 4 April

Newhaven Historical Society: AGM & Newhaven Museum Showcase with Jenny Flood. Hillcrest Centre. 7.30pm

Saturday 15 April

Newhaven Flea & Car Boot, Hillcrest Centre. 10am – 3pm
Sairie & The Tidemills Choir, Hillcrest Centre. Doors Open at 6.30pm

Sunday 16 April

Newhaven Repair Café, Meeching Hall. 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 20 April

The Nettle Dress: Screening and Q&A. Hillcrest Centre. 7.10pm – 9.30pm

Saturday 22 April

Hillcrest Cinema – La Vie en Rose. Doors open at 6pm

Wednesday 26 April

Climate Café. Hillcrest Centre. 6.30pm – 8pm

Friday 28 April

Brewhaven. Newhaven Fort. 6pm – 10pm (over 18s)

Saturday 29 April

Brewhaven. Newhaven Fort

1pm – 5pm (kids welcome)
6pm – 10pm (over 18s)

May TBC

The Sussex Women Supper Club, Hillcrest Centre. Dinner followed by Sussex Ceramic Artist, Sarah Walton

1 – 31 May

The Hillcrest Art Gallery – Helen Bashford. Mon to Fri 9am – 3pm & Market Saturday

Thursday 4 May

Town & District Council Elections

Saturday 6 May (AM)

King Charles III Coronation. Televised from Westminster Abbey

Sunday 7 May

King's Coronation Concert. Televised from Windsor Castle & 'Lighting Up The Nation'

Monday 8 May

Newhaven Tennis Club Open Day. 10am – 2pm. Families Welcome

Sunday 14 May

Newhaven Repair Café, Meeching Hall. 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Saturday 20 May

Newhaven Flea & Car Boot, Hillcrest Centre. 10am – 3pm

Wednesday 24 May

Climate Café. Hillcrest Centre. 6.30pm – 8pm

Saturday 27 May

Hillcrest Cinema – Where the Crawdads Sing. Doors open at 6pm

1 – 30 June

The Hillcrest Art Gallery – Bishopstone Art Club. Mon to Fri 9am – 3pm & Market Saturday

Tuesday 6 June

Newhaven Historical Society: Brighton Tramways with Ian Gledhill. Hillcrest Centre. 7.30pm

Saturday 10 June

Denton Community Challenge

Sunday 11 June

Newhaven Tennis Club Open Day. 10am – 2pm. Families Welcome

Friday 16 June

Sussex Day

Saturday 17 June

Sussex Day at the Bandstand. Details TBC.

Newhaven Flea & Car Boot, Hillcrest Centre. 10am – 3pm

Saturday 24 June

Hillcrest Cinema – Hunt for the Wilder People. Doors open at 6pm

Wednesday 28 June

Climate Café. Hillcrest Centre. 6.30pm – 8pm

What's on.

This listing is correct at the time of going to press and is not a comprehensive list of all the groups and courses in Newhaven.

ARTS, CRAFTS & IT

Intro Art for Well Being

Hillcrest Centre. Mondays & Fridays: 10am – 12pm £5 an hour.
To book email wildseaarts@gmail.com

Life Drawing

Hillcrest Centre. Wednesdays: 10.30am – 1pm. To book email julianlebas@yahoo.com

Linocut Printmaking Classes

Hillcrest Centre. Fridays: 2pm – 4pm Contact Sally: 07876 666784

Meridian IT

Hillcrest Centre. Every 1st Monday of the month

Newhaven Art Club

Peacehaven Evangelical Church Hall. Mondays: 2pm
Contact Chris Cook on 01273 875928 or email NewhavenArtClub@hotmail.com

Open Call Art

Hillcrest Centre. Thursdays: 9.30am – 1.30pm. Just drop in

U3A Art

Hillcrest Centre. Tuesdays: 2pm – 4pm. To book email graham.heids@btinternet.com

Wood Creative

Hillcrest Centre. Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm. Contact: Joe 07768 331038

CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

2nd Denton Scout Group "Ralph Reader's Own"

St Leonards Church Hall, Denton. Contact GSL@2ndDenton.org.uk
Fridays

Beavers (age 6–8)	5pm – 6.20pm
Cubs (age 8–11)	6.20pm – 8pm
Scouts (age 11–14)	8pm – 9.30pm

3rd Newhaven Scout Group

Scout Hut, Fort Rd. Contact: accounts.3rdnewhaven@seahavenscouts.org.uk

Scouts (age 10–14) Mondays: 7pm – 8.30pm
Dragoon Explorer Scouts (age 14–18)
Tuesdays: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Cubs (age 8–10) Wednesdays: 5.30pm – 7pm
Scouts (age 10–14) Wednesdays: 7.15pm – 8.45pm
Beavers (age 6–8) Fridays: 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Cubs (age 8–10) Fridays: 6.30pm – 8pm

21 Newhaven PL Army Cadets

Please visit www.armycadets.com

Baby Sensory Group

Hillcrest Centre. Thursdays: 9.30am.
Email: eastbourne@babysensory.co.uk or tel 07463 763404

Curious Counters (preschool maths group)

South Heighton Village Hall. Thursdays: 10am – 11am Contact jodie@love4learning.co.uk

Harbourside Gymnastics Academy

Please call Tel 01273 515525

Haven Young Creatives

Tuesdays. Please email havenyoungcreatives@gmail.com

Newhaven & Seaford Sea Cadets

Sea Cadets (12-18yrs): Mondays and Fridays

Junior Cadets (10-12yrs): Fridays

Tel: 01273 655442 or visit www.sea-cadets.org/newhavenseaford

Newhaven Youth for Christ

St Michael's Church Hall

Monday Sparks Youth Group: Until 4.15pm for primary school children ages 8-11

Thursday Youth Group: 6.30pm – 8pm

Sunday Youth Group: 6pm – 7.30pm.

121 mentoring available. Visit www.newhavenyfc.org or speak to Sara on: 07763 333998

NIPPERS

East Side Social Centre

After school club 3pm – 6pm Monday to Friday (term time)

Holiday playschemes & Inset day cover provided. For details email nippers1973@outlook.com

Norcross Dance Centre

Please email norcrossdancecentre@gmail.com

SCDA Clubs & Groups

Newhaven Youth Centre, Denton Island

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

Tuesdays: L.A.S.T. Project: 5.15pm – 6.30pm a free youth led LGBTQ+ and allies' 12-17yrs

Wednesday Youth Club (term time and summer holidays): 6.30pm - 8pm. 12-18yrs

Friday 'Fri-yay' Youth Club: 4pm – 5.30pm. aged 8-11yrs. (term time and summer holidays)

Studio Tempo (Dance)

For details call: 01273 476565

HEALTH & WELLBEING

1-2-1 Yoga, Reiki and Reiki plus Sound Healing

Therapy Sessions

To book contact Janet on 01273 512306

Email: samtosha4u@btinternet.com

Pilates Classes

Hillcrest Centre

Once a month Tuesday 11.30am – 12.30pm.

Contact Tash on 07831 120600

Tai Chi

Hillcrest Centre

Every Monday at 9.30am – 11.30am

www.taichieffect.com or 07429 007691

Slimming World

Elim Church. Thursdays: 5.30pm & 7pm &

Saturdays: 7.30am & 9am. Contact Karen: 07872 388080

Yoga with Sue (Hatha Yoga)

Denton and Mount Pleasant Social Hall

Every Thursday at 9.45am – 11.15am

Contact Sue on 07721 611314

Zara Yoga & Pilates

Meeching Hall

Mondays at 11am - Mat based Pilates

Wednesdays: 5.45pm - Hatha Yoga and 7pm - Mat based Pilates

Friday at 9.30am - Hatha Yoga

Contact Zara at zarano1@msn.com

INTEREST GROUPS

Castle Hill Group

1st Sunday of every month: 10am. Scrub management & other tasks.

Please email seahavenpr@aol.com or contact Graham on 01273 514942

Friends of Tidemills

3rd Sunday of every month: 9am to litter pick & conservation tasks.
For more information contact Jim Skinner
brianjimskinner@gmail.com

Guesthouse Storytellers

Hillcrest Centre. Once a month on Tuesdays: 7pm – 10pm. Visit
www.guesthousestorytellers.com

Historical Society

See Page 29 for Events or visit
www.newhavenhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Newhaven & District Model Railway Club

Wednesday evenings. Email newhavendmrclub@gmail.com or
tel: 07715 993675

Newhaven Green Centre: Library of Things

MENCAP Hall. Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Newhaven Green Centre: Reducing Waste, Library of Things & Bring-and-Take Table

Newhaven Library. Thursdays: 10am – 12pm

U3A

Offers a range of groups and events at various venues.
For more information, please visit
www.u3asites.org.uk/newhaven-peacehaven/home

MUSIC & DANCE

Ballroom Dancing with Studio Tempo

Hillcrest Centre. Fridays: 6.30pm – 8pm.
To book phone 01273 476565

Haven Harmonies Community Choir

Hillcrest Centre. Mondays: 7pm – 8.30pm.
Contact marianstanley43@gmail.com

Nukehaven (Ukulele)

Hillcrest Centre. Wednesdays Fortnightly: 7pm – 9pm.
Contact Sue on 07745 394220

Private Dance with Studio Tempo

Hillcrest Centre. Fridays: 10am – 12.30pm.
To book phone 01273 476565

Streetfunk

Hillcrest Centre. Thursdays: 4.30pm – 6.30pm.
Book via: www.streetfunk.co.uk/streetfunknewhaven

SOCIAL

Denton Women's Fellowship

Denton Church Hall. Every last Tuesday of the month: 2.30pm.
Contact: Ann 01273 514482

Just Friends

Newhaven Day Club
1st & 3rd Monday of every month: 10am – 12pm
2nd Monday of the month Walking Group
4th Monday of every month Lunch Group

Newhaven Day Club

West Quay (Northeast of Carpark)
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Variety of fun activities.
Contact Tony on 01273 513189 for further details, including
membership prices

Newhaven Peacehaven Lions

For more information visit Facebook @NPSLions

Rotary Club of Newhaven Coast West

For more information, please visit Rotary Club of Newhaven Coast
West on Facebook

St Michael's Drop In: Coffee, Tea, Cake & Chat

St Michael's Church. Wednesdays: 10am

SPORT

Affinity Rowing Club

For details visit Facebook @ARCGraceOMalley or
email info@affinityrowingclub.co.uk

Denton Cricket Club

For more information, please visit
www.dentonsussex.play-cricket.com or Tel: 07883 097883

Denton Island Indoor Bowls Club

For more information, please visit www.dentonislandbowls.co.uk or
Tel: 01273 514664

Denton Table Tennis Club

Denton Church Hall.
Wednesday: 7pm – 9pm and Friday: 10am – 12pm
Contact Rosemary on 01273 611384

Newhaven Gig Rowing

For details visit www.ngrc.co.uk or email admin@ngrc.co.uk

Newhaven Bowling Club

Mondays (from May): 5pm. For more information, visit
www.NewhavenBowlingClub.weebly.com, email
nbowlscsocialmedia@gmail.com or call Jose on 07542 608304

Newhaven Cricket Club

newhaven.play-cricket.com/Aboutus

Newhaven Football Club

For more information, please visit www.newhavenfc.co.uk or email
newhavenfootballclub@gmail.com

Newhaven Tennis Club

Sundays: Mix of Adult and Junior Coaching: 10am – 1pm
Mondays: Junior Coaching Sessions 4.30pm & 5.35pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: Adult Club: 1pm – 5pm Open to
non-members
Saturdays: Junior Coaching: 9am | 10am | 11am
Membership & general details: Contact Bob 01273 512162
email: mailrkjackson@yahoo.co.uk
Coaching Sessions: Contact Clive 07526 267560

Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club

For more information visit www.sailinginsussex.org or
email info@nssc.org.uk

Seaford Rugby Club

For more information visit www.seafordrfc.club/contact

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Meetings

Hillcrest Centre. Thursdays: 7pm – 8.45pm
Meeching Hall. Wednesdays: 9.30am

Bereaved by Suicide: East Sussex

Please contact Kellie at Kellie.leyton@sussexcommunity.org.uk or
07542 305419 for further information or call the Sussex Suicide
Bereavement Support Team on 07376 616628.

Childline

Tel: 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk

Cruse Bereavement Support Helpline

Tel: 0808 8081677 www.cruse.org.uk

Nebula

Hillcrest Centre. Mondays: 2pm – 4pm. Just drop in
www.facebook.com/groups/535810757234539/

Samaritans

Tel: 116 123 www.samaritans.org

Warm Spaces Directory

Please visit www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-crisis/warm-spaces-directory or contact the Newhaven Town Council
on 01273 516100



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