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SPRING 2024

Welcome to the Spring edition of Newhaven Matters



Mayor of Newhaven Cllr. Julie Carr &
Deputy Mayor Cllr. Kim Bishop

This is my last forward as mayor, as I will be handing over the mayoral chain to the new incoming mayor in

May. December was a very busy month, I attended lots of events, including a number of carol services, plus I ate lots of mince pies! It was lovely to see so many people at my mayoral carol concert at St Michael's Church, in particular I would like to thank the children who represented the schools of Newhaven and who brilliantly performed a range of songs and carols, it was very moving, and I was very proud of them all.

It has been a great privilege and an honour to serve as mayor for the past year. I have really enjoyed meeting so many people and

hearing about everything that community groups in Newhaven are achieving. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the volunteers who give up so much of their time to enable these groups to flourish.

I would like to finish by thanking all those who have supported me during the last year, including the office staff at Newhaven Town Council and in particular Steph Georgalakis.

Very best wishes

Cllr. Julie Carr
Town Mayor of Newhaven

If you would like to advertise, have a story that 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 on 01273 516100.

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News from your Town Council

SUSSEX DAY AT THE BANDSTAND IS BACK!

Newhaven Town Council's Sussex Day Celebration is a FREE community event and showcases what Newhaven and the surrounding area has to offer, including live music, delicious food, artisan drinks, craft stalls and much more!

So come along & join us, as we celebrate our community and 50 years of Newhaven Town Council... and don't forget to bring a picnic blanket!

Programme detailing the performance times to follow soon.



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 23rd Apr
Town Meeting

Tue 30th Apr
Planning & Development
Regeneration & Strategic Development

Tue 14th May
Annual Meeting

Tue 28th May
Planning & Development

Future dates to be confirmed.



Fond Farewells

In February, Newhaven Baptist Church said goodbye and wished Pastor Jac Parsons and her family all the best as they move on to pastures new. They will be greatly missed.

Tea and Chat

Tea and chat is a drop-in group which runs on a Wednesday



Our tea and chat sessions are still open to everyone during which you can access our shower and laundry facilities.



and Friday morning between 9:30 am and 1 pm. We provide tea/coffee and biscuits in a safe, warm, and comfortable environment, also soup from 11:30. People from all walks of life and different life stories come to this group. In winter months especially, many of these people either have nowhere to go at all or cannot afford to heat their homes so they come to keep warm.

We hope that those who come can feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.



For more information on what the church offers, please visit: www.newhavenbaptistchurch.co.uk



Here we are again in 2024 and hopefully a good year ahead for us all. Saying that, we ended 2023 on a good note. We had our own little carol service in our club, that was well supported by members and guests. A jolly time was had by all and we are looking to repeat it this Christmas.



A week before Christmas we had our annual Christmas Party and disco for our members who enjoyed the evening very

much. Good food was prepared by our team and members enjoyed the eating and dancing into the night. A big thank you to Newhaven Town Council for contributing to the cost of this party.

At the beginning of January, 15 of our members took part in a First Aid Course organised by Daisy First Aid which showed the importance of knowing what to do in the event of a medical emergency. Members passed the course and were presented with certificates.

There are several fund raising events taking part in our hall in Riverside North, Newhaven in the coming months. These include a Fashion Show in April organised by Travelling Trends, a quiz night in May and a Silly Auction in June. Dates for these events will be advertised in due course. And don't forget our new Sensory Room is available for hire at £5 per hour.



Our club is run on a voluntary basis, and we are always looking for volunteers to come and join us. If you are interested, please come down to one of our Club Nights held every Friday between 7pm and 9pm. Alternatively, you can contact one of our team on 01273 517345.

A big thank you to all those who have supported us and we look forward to your continued support in 2024.

Newhaven Lewes and District Mencap, Riverside North, Newhaven BN9 9BP. newhaven.lewesmencap@hotmail.com



Newhaven's Wayfinding and Public Realm Improvement Scheme

The 'golden thread' supporting regeneration projects within the town.

Many residents will have seen the improvements underway at the corner of Riverside North. ESCC Highways have already coppiced the mature quercus ilex (holm oak) in this area. Over the coming months, there will also be upgrades to seating and planting here, the green areas between Quayside General Practice and Chapel Street underpass, as well as Meeching Road corner. For more information, visit yournewhaven.commonplace.is.

These projects follow an early pilot project, working with Newhaven Historical Society, to produce high quality information boards which Lewes District Council are undertaking as part of the Wayfinding and Public Realm Improvement Scheme, funded through the Newhaven Town Deal.

The much larger aspect of the Scheme will focus on improving

access, wayfinding, and public realm improvements within the town centre. Discussion is already well underway with East Sussex Highways and Newhaven Town Council over the scope of these works and related assets e.g. streetlamps and vehicular access. Works will be scheduled up until 2026 and should help usher in a new era for the town centre.

However, residents will not have to wait until 2026 to enjoy change, as the Look Again Supergraphics Festival comes to town in June 2024. The festival will produce a trail of specially commissioned supergraphic murals and artworks, as well as uplifting events, workshops, community gatherings and walks for all ages. The artwork will be used to tackle undesirable graffiti, unfriendly bare walls and generally make the town centre much more inviting and uplifting.

"Some of the biggest names in graphic art, illustration and street art will be creating murals that represent the community, local landscape and history of this vibrant industrial town, converting blank walls and uninviting streets into spaces of colour and creativity."

Public artworks can bring great value to the culture of a town, inspiring joy and

pride, changing perceptions, encouraging visitors, and uplifting local business. Newhaven residents have told us which areas they would like to see improved, and an open public meeting has helped us understand what kind of work they would like to see."



For more information on this exciting project, and to find out how you can get actively involved, please visit lookagainnewhaven.co.uk.

The scope of the Improvement Scheme also includes the area around Newhaven Town station and Railway Quay. This work should greatly experience for residents as well visitors arriving and departing.

Further updates will be provided as this exciting scheme is progressed.



RESTORING AN ICONIC NEWHAVEN LANDMARK TO BRING ITS STORIES TO LIFE

By Francis Pulham, Collections Custodian at Newhaven Fort



We are off to an exciting and busy year here at Newhaven Fort as we begin our £7.5 million restoration. We have been asked on numerous occasions what we are doing to the site and what we have been doing as a team leading up to the works beginning in March.

Since closure to the public at the end of October (excluding some individual school visits) we have been working tirelessly to prepare the Fort for its transformation, including spaces and areas that have never been open to the public before, such as some of the hidden tunnels which have been assessed ahead of work beginning.

The Fort's General Manager Lindsay and I have been delving into the fascinating history of Newhaven Fort, the town of Newhaven and Sussex to build our intriguing exhibitions, delving into our own archive as well as places like The Keep, National Archives and Newhaven Museum. We have also been requesting stories from you, the people of Sussex, including wartime stories and stories from your visits to the Fort during the dereliction period (please see our Facebook page for past and future callouts).

Working closely with our Exhibition Designers, Form Atlarge, our new exhibits will cover many aspects of Sussex and the Fort, including its role during the two World Wars.

Telling the stories from a local perspective has been our focus, as we feel these stories have too often been forgotten. We are excited to give you a personal and insightful peek into the lives of those normal Sussex folk who stepped up to make their mark on history.

Newhaven Fort's historic, iconic and unique architecture is also being protected and maintained during the restoration. We are happy to say that, come 2025, the scenic gun positions will be re-opened after a period of inaccessibility. Essential works are being done to protect the longevity of the Fort, including drainage works above the northern casemates, and many other smaller jobs to keep the Fort looking good. All this work is vital to keep Newhaven Fort preserved for future generations to come and enjoy.

We are proud to be opening new areas of the Fort for those brave enough to enter, with new spaces created for ever more engaging displays. The Battery Observation Post for example has never been open to the public before, and the space inside is being transformed with a new interactive experience that we know both children and adults will love.

In our research we have uncovered many secrets held within the Fort's walls - both personal stories and stories the building can tell. We were very excited, upon consulting the

original 1871 plans, to discover a hidden tunnel right under our noses!

We will also open and improve existing rooms for hire. We are re-cladding and insulating our Romney Hut in our parade square to allow for better year-round access, as well as opening a second casemate for venue hire. These spaces will be perfect for weddings, birthdays, meetings, school groups, community events and more.

For the young adventurers out there, we will have a superb new playground to replace the current play area. Watch this space for a fun adventure area that kids will want to keep coming back to time and time again.

The restoration project has also allowed us to reassess accessibility. We are improving our signage leading into and around the Fort, as well as improving wheelchair access to bring as much of the Fort to as many people as possible.

As a team we are still in the relatively early stages of the project, with works beginning on 1st March 2024, but we are incredibly excited about the journey ahead. We are proud to be doing everything we can to make Newhaven Fort the best visitor attraction in Sussex, and a place you'll be proud to say is a part of Newhaven.

For more information, please visit: www.newhavenfort.org.uk



Michaela's MARKET PLACE

Festivals 2024

LIVE MUSIC TILL LATE
BEST OF LOCAL BANDS, SINGERS AND DJ'S
FOOD & DRINK
ARTISAN FOOD & FULLY LICENSED BAR
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY
EARLY DECEMBER
NEWHAVEN BANDSTAND



WE ARE LOOKING FOR FOOD VENDORS, STALL HOLDERS, ENTERTAINERS, ARTISTS, MAKERS AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A STALL OR WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE OR SPONSOR THE FESTIVALS, PLEASE EMAIL FESTIVAL@MICHAELASMARTPLACE.CO.UK

FOLLOW US FOR THE EXACT DATES AND MORE DETAILS



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MICHAELA'S MARKET PLACE FESTIVALS 2024

A Fusion of Music, Artisanal Food, and Cultural Revelry

In 2024, Michaela's Market Place Festival will once again transform the Bandstand into vibrant hub of creativity and celebration. The Christmas Festival was a melting pot of musical talent, culinary delights, and artistic expression, captivating attendees with an immersive experience like no other.

At the heart of the Festival was a diverse lineup of live music performances that spanned genres and cultures. From soulful jazz melodies to energetic beats of world music, the stage came alive with the sounds of talented musicians, setting the rhythm for the festivities and creating an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie.

Complementing the musical journey was an array of artisanal food and beverages that delighted the senses. Local vendors and chefs showcased their culinary expertise, offering a tantalizing

selection of gourmet treats and craft beverages. Festival-goers indulged in everything from savory street food to decadent desserts, each bite a testament to the passion and creativity of the vendors.

But Michaela's Market Place Christmas Festival was not just about indulging the palate; it was also a feast for the eyes. Artists from near and far displayed their creations, turning the marquee into a vibrant gallery of visual delights. From stunning paintings and sculptures to handcrafted jewellery and textiles, the artwork on display showcased the diverse talents of the creative community.

As the day turned into night, the festivities continued under the glow of twinkling lights and the warmth of mulled wine. Twilight markets offered an opportunity to explore a treasure trove of unique finds, from handmade crafts to artisanal goods, adding an

extra layer of magic to the experience.

Throughout it all, the festival fostered a sense of community and connection, bringing together people from all walks of life to celebrate their shared love for music, art, and culinary delights. Whether dancing to the beat of the music, savouring delicious bites, or admiring beautiful artworks, attendees departed with memories that would last a lifetime, a testament to the power of culture to unite and inspire.

We are sure to experience it again this year, as three more Festivals are planned through 2024, all to take place at Newhaven Bandstand on Denton Island, BN9 9BA.

Follow Michaela's Market Place on Facebook and Instagram to be in the know for the latest Festival news and visit our Newhaven Highstreet shop at 12 Newhaven Square, BN9 9QS.



DENTON COMMUNITY CHALLENGE 'WINNING TOGETHER'

Preparations are underway for the 12th Denton Community Challenge, which will be held on Saturday 8th 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, followed by a number of fundraising activities such as pub quizzes.

As always, the event is well supported by 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 Heighton Scouts. Children can let off steam on the trampolines and bouncy castle, plus test their strength and stamina on the climbing wall. There are some new 'traditional' attractions this year, including swing boats and a rifle range, 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.

LEWES TO NEWHAVEN RAFT RACE

WHEN:
Sunday 7th July 2024, 14:20

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

HOW:
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:
Wacky Racers

NO OF CREW:
Min 3, Max 12

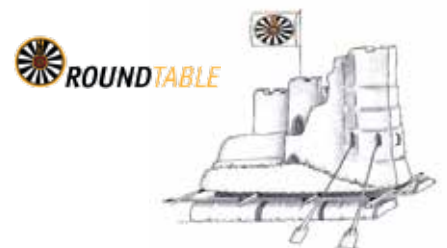
ENTRY FEE:
£75 (up to 4 crew);
£100 (5 crew and above)

PRIZES FOR:
Fastest Time / Most Devious Means / Best Decorated / Last One Home / Environmental Champion

APPLICATION ENTRY DEADLINE:
7th June 2024

PROGRAMME ENTRY DEADLINE:
23rd June 2024

LEWES & DISTRICT 37
ORDINARY GUYS DOING
EXTRAORDINARY THINGS



For more information, visit www.lewes-and-district-roundtable.co.uk or email LewesRaftRace@gmail.com.



HILLCREST CENTRE NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Hillcrest Community Centre. We have certainly been busy over the past few months, and we are getting busier! From launching 'Café 2 Gather' Asian food every Friday after Easter through to hosting Soup and Social by Hospitable Environment and 3VA's Volunteer Workshops.

This is in addition to all of our regular groups including: Nebula – Free Mental Health Support, Havens Young Creatives, Friday Ballroom and Art Classes... to name just a few.

Details of all of our groups, cinema listings and café exhibition can be found on pages 29 to 31 of this magazine.

If you would like to book a room for your group or would like more information on the activities that happen here, please just ask!

Volunteers Wanted:
We really need committed and amazing people like you!

As Newhaven's original Community Centre, we know that diversity always fosters creativity and innovation. We are committed to being fair and promoting equality and inclusion and want the

centre to be a place where everyone feels they belong. Therefore we particularly encourage applications from people who are likely to feel underrepresented in Newhaven. These include people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds, people with disabilities and the LGBTQI+ community.

...Be like the wonderful Joan Rhodes MBE who volunteers in our café, help out with our Cinema Club by joining the committee, or help shape the future of the Hillcrest Centre by becoming a Trustee!

If any of the above interests you, please contact Sam our Centre Manager, via info@hillcrestcentre.co.uk or pop in to get a volunteer role description and application form.

Trustee Update

At our AGM in September, we welcomed 2 new trustees to our board, Anastasia O'Donoghue and Patricia Barnett and Pinky Mclean-Knight became Chairman of the board. We want to thank all the previous Trustees for their hard work and dedication to HCP and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Sadly, we recently said goodbye to Lizzie Lower as she stepped down as a Trustee in December 2023 to concentrate on the incredibly successful Hospitable Environment. We truly have appreciated all the hard work she has done for us, and we will continue to work closely with her and Ellie as there will be Soup & Socials coming up. Good luck!

Serving our community

Help us to build an even better community centre by filling out our questionnaire. Details can be found at www.hillcrestcentre.co.uk.

Damp and mould has built up in our house this winter. We've reported it to our landlord, but they haven't done anything. What should we do?

Information on our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk can help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

Your landlord is responsible for fixing a damp problem if it's making your home unsafe to live in. For example, this could be if it's affecting your health.

Your landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like rotten window frames.

If your landlord is responsible but doesn't do anything, there are steps you can take, like reporting them to the local authority. As a private renter, if you've got evidence from a health professional that damp is making you ill, you may be able to get free legal advice through Legal Aid.

Condensation is a key cause of damp. Keeping homes well-heated and well-ventilated is the

best way to prevent this, but high energy costs make this very difficult. If you're finding it hard to insulate and heat your home, check our website to see if you're eligible for support.

You may reach the point where you just want to get out of your tenancy agreement early, but this can be difficult.



If you're feeling stuck, you can always speak to a local adviser by calling our Adviceline on 0808 278 7892 for personalised support.

NEW VICAR APPOINTED FOR ST MICHAEL'S & ST LEONARD'S

Rev. Marcus Mak has been appointed Associate Vicar at St Michael's Newhaven and St Leonard's Denton. Marcus is currently serving as the Rector of Christ Church in Felixstowe and he and his family will be moving to Newhaven in April.

Marcus writes: "God has opened the door for me and my family to live and serve in Newhaven and Denton. We are excited for what God has in store for us and the two communities. We also look forward to meeting you and

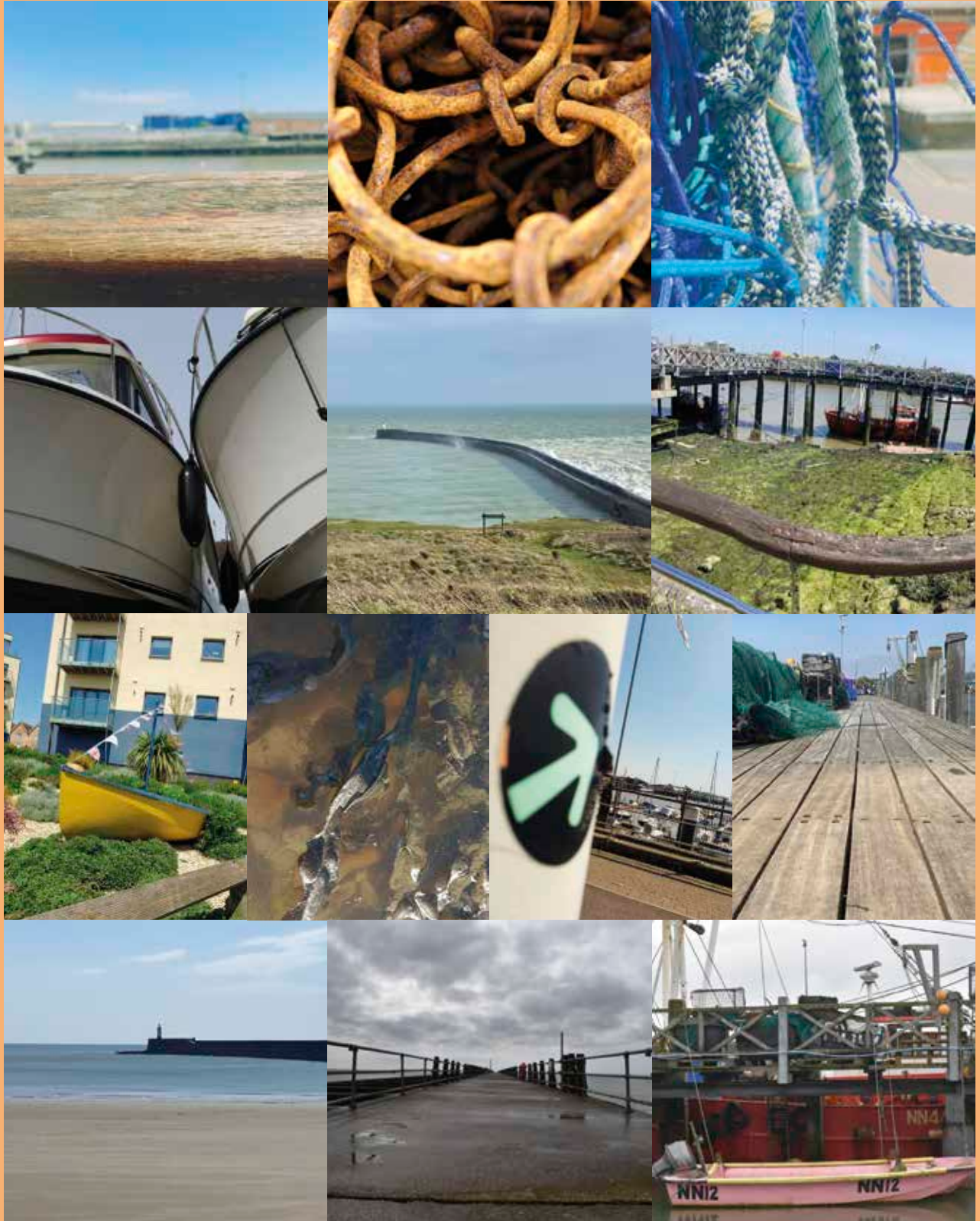
living among you. If you see me about, please don't be shy, come and say 'hi'."

Marcus will be teaming up with Rev. Mike Milmine, Priest-in-Charge at Newhaven and Denton, to minister jointly across the two communities. The formation of this new clergy team marks a significant step in the life of both churches, creating new opportunities for closer collaboration as they serve the town with the good news of Jesus.



Year 10 students from Seahaven Academy, who have taken photography as an option, wanted to showcase the skills they have learnt by taking photos of their local harbour and marina. They have taken into consideration the rule of thirds, positive and negative space, foreground and background as well as composition. They wanted to capture the beauty of their town and appreciate where they live.

Caitlin Evans, Year 10





© Guy Bowes

MEECHING & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY

I moved to Newhaven 9 years ago but after Covid, we moved to Saltdean, but I am still more involved with Newhaven Community than where I live. I feel there is a sense of close community here and there are so many good things happening in Newhaven thanks to the lovely people who put their time and effort making these events. I joined the Bonfire Society last year with my family as I always enjoyed bonfire around East Sussex. Neighbourhood events like street bonfires and festivals can help people get to know their neighbours and build a sense of community spirit. I truly believe

taking part in events can help to reduce feelings of isolation and encourage social mixing.

Community events will enrich your life, familiarize you with your community, and connect you to people and ideas that will positively impact your perspective for the rest of your life. Helping your community is an opportunity for you to grow as a person, to better understand how you fit into the world around you.

Newhaven Bonfire Night was such a heartwarming experience. As we marched down Gibbon Road, burning torch in hand, I saw hundreds of people coming out to see this parade, families at their door step, children excited with a big smile on their face. I was so proud!

So we can host another Bonfire Night this year, we really need more volunteers and fundraising to make another night to remember. You might be a business that would be interested to sponsor this event or some organisation that has access to funding. If you would like to be part of this unique event, get in touch, and find out more!

Volunteering your time to support a cause you are passionate about is something you will never regret.

Much love and light,
Zara

Email:
madbonfire@hotmail.com

To donate:
<https://gofund.me/516e05a7>

SEAFORD RAMBLING CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Spring is approaching and the outdoors beckons. Seaford Rambling Club is a long-established Club organising rambles - and some shorter strolls - in the Sussex countryside. You would be

walking in the company of others, guided along a route by a walk leader.

We already have a number of members who live in Newhaven and would be happy to have more.

Walks are usually between 3 and 12 miles, mostly weekdays but a few at weekends. Many are based on using public transport, but where a car journey is needed lifts can usually be arranged.

Our subscription is currently £8 a year, and we offer free 'taster' walks to newcomers so they can see what we are about.

You can find a sample walks programme, and more information, on our newly revamped website which can be found at www.seafordramblingclub.co.uk.

Hope to see some of you soon,
Keith Ford, Chair



▲ Landing craft Newhaven pre D-Day courtesy of The Keep



▲ Newhaven Station Boarding Landing Craft

As the UK remembers the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6th June with a series of major commemoration events across the UK and France, Newhaven will also be hosting a number of events throughout the town.

Operation Overlord, commonly known as D-Day, was the historic operation saw the Allied Forces mount a large-scale invasion of Nazi-occupied France that ultimately tipped the course of the Second World War in the Allies' favour.

- ▼ D-Day memories of Wren Marguerite Humphreys based at HMS Forward (the Secret Tunnels of South Heighton).

I remember the army contingents being encamped at Denton just before D-Day and seeing them march to Newhaven to embark on the various boats/landing craft. ... I was on watch on the day scheduled for D-Day but it was postponed for 24 hours because of bad weather. Before going off watch, the Commander spoke to us all emphasizing that we must NOT speak even among ourselves, what we had seen and heard in the tunnel. We were all very solemn that night as we walked along Seaford front - the sea was really wild.

Copies of these memories are held in Newhaven Historical Society's archive.

See page 18 for your guide to what is happening locally.

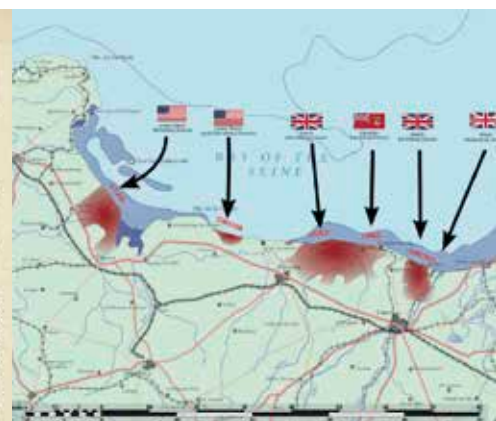
- ▼ D-Day memories of L.G. Goodwin

On D-Day I was sixteen years old. Early in the morning I was fishing with two pals on the harbour arm by the lighthouse at Newhaven. It was a lovely day, and it was noticeable how empty the harbour was of boats. There was a continuous flow of aircraft coming and going all day long and vapour trails high up everywhere in the sky. A formation of Dakotas towing gliders passed over, one glider broke loose coming down in the harbour. They were quickly rescued, the glider was pulled out of the water onto the harbour arm and two sentries posted round it. I was surprised to see its fabric was covered by lino. There was so much activity going on we gave up fishing and got as near as we could to the old fort, which was out of bounds. Two soldiers let us join them by an ack-ack gun and listen to the intercom with messages coming in about events going on. We spent all day there. The soldiers said this was a day to be remembered.

- ▼ Boarding landing craft 193 at Newhaven



- ▼ Air plan for landings in Normandy June 1944





▼ S.S Maine heading out to sea.
Courtesy of the Newhaven Museum.



NEWHAVEN & D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY 1944-2024

By Ed Tyhurst

Ever since June 6th, 1944, the words 'D-Day' have been associated with the successful Allied landings in Normandy. Interestingly, the 'D' in 'D-Day' doesn't stand for anything, the expression was simply a military term used to signify the day an operation was set to begin.

Of course, the Second World War wasn't the first time our little harbour town of Newhaven had found itself on the front-line of a global conflict. During the First World War of 1914-1918, Newhaven played an important and often overlooked part compared to larger ports, like Folkstone. With the onset of war in August 1914, passenger services from Newhaven to Dieppe were suspended & transferred to Folkstone, clearing the port

for the Mercantile fleets of the United Kingdom & France. Throughout the four years of the 'Great War', more than six million tons of military stores, goods, munitions and food supplies were transported through Newhaven, bound for the British forces fighting in France. During those four years, ten Merchant ships were lost sailing between Newhaven & France-nine claimed by the 'Unterseeboots' of the German Navy and one in an accident. The ninety-seven men lost in these ships are permanently recorded on Newhaven's Transport Memorial, including those of the S.S Maine, on which twenty-nine were lost when sunk by U-Boot UB-56, commanded by Oberleutnant zur see Hans Valentiner.

At the outbreak of the Second World War in Sept 1939,



▲ Oberleutnant zur see Hans Valentiner
(picture from the Moltenort U-Boot memorial site)

Newhaven Harbour found itself on the front-line once more. Not only as a safe haven for smaller vessels of the Merchant Navy, but also to fighting vessels of the Royal Navy. From the larger Mine Sweepers of the Bangor & Halcyon classes to the various small, fast and heavily armed craft of Coastal Forces-Motor Torpedo and Gun boats, motor launches and armed trawlers. There were also vessels of a more humanitarian nature, the High-Speed Launches of the RAF 28th Air Sea Rescue Unit. These colourfully adorned boats would speed out to sea in search of Allied airmen whose aircraft had been lost at sea.

Operation Overlord, D-Day, was not the first large scale Allied invasion attempt on

German-occupied France Newhaven played its part in. In August 1942, Newhaven, along with Shoreham & Portsmouth was one of the main embarkation points for the ill-fated Operation Jubilee, better known as the Dieppe Raid. This was the Allies first attempt to establish a foothold on occupied Europe, even if only temporarily if all had gone according to plan. Designed to be a reconnaissance in force, the invading force was mostly made up of the Canadian 2nd Army Division, who had been stationed in Sussex since arrival in England in the winter of 1940-41. A whole article could be dedicated here to why, how and what went wrong with the Dieppe Raid, but suffice to say, it was a disaster, two thirds of the Canadian forces being either killed or captured. The only justification that could ever be recovered from Operation Jubilee was that valuable lessons were learnt for the successful implementation of Operation Overlord two years later.

From April 1st, 1944, Newhaven was within a 10 mile 'exclusion-zone' to visitors that stretched across the South Coast of England. This was in a bid to conceal the huge gathering of military forces making their way to ports ready for the eventual embarkation. Around Newhaven, thousands of Allied troops were trained and based at 'transit' camps, all roads into the town were full of military traffic, trains brought troops and supplies and in the fields of the surrounding countryside were thousands of vehicles & tanks ready to set out in 'Landing Craft' across the English Channel.

During the build-up of activity in Newhaven Harbour, to

conceal some of the assembling landing craft and other naval vessels, huge camouflage nets were erected over the River Ouse at Piddinghoe. Under these, Allied vessels would be concealed from aerial observation.

Newhaven Harbour and the town were already well defended by seven 'Heavy' Anti-Aircraft batteries with four 3.7" guns apiece (not to mention around a dozen Light AA sites) in 1944, but as added cover over the assembling forces bound for Newhaven Harbour two American AA Batteries joined the defence. These were sited at Piddinghoe and Iford villages.

The original date set for 'D-Day' was in fact June 5th, but this was postponed due to bad weather. On the 5th of June, Allied commanders received the news that 'good' weather was expected for the next three days, and the go-ahead was given. The Allied armada, including many from Newhaven Harbour, which had previously set out on the 4th only to be called back were now at sea again. This time, there was no turning back.

At 23:00 on June 5th, 24 Royal Navy motor launches from Newhaven set off towards the Straights of Dover specially fitted with radar equipment. Flying overhead and in the same direction were Lancaster bombers of 617 (The Dam Busters) Squadron. Once nearing the Pas-de-Calais, the motor launches circled in the straights and the Lancasters of 617 Sqn dropped millions of strips of aluminium foil (codenamed 'Window'). German radar in this region of the occupied coast was now convinced a large force was assembling for an attack on

the Pas-de-Calais coast. This deception was codenamed 'Operation Glimmer'. This was one part of many successful deceptions alluding to where the Allied forces would strike. So convincing were the decoys, that on D-Day itself, when German commanders alerted Adolf Hitler to the landings in Normandy, he was convinced that this was a reuse to cover the main force that surely would cross the shorter distance of the Straights.

During the initial embarkations prior to June 5th and in the days and weeks following June 6th, Newhaven Harbour shared a squadron of Landing Craft Tanks (LCTs) with Shoreham harbour. Considering the time it took to load vehicles, supplies and thousands of troops, on average Newhaven Harbour managed a turnover of 19 'Vessel Movements' a day. Each 'movement' would include;

- 4 Supply vessels (Medium Coasters)
- 3 LCTs (Landing Craft Tanks)
- 1 Infantry Landing Craft with 1800 troops per embarkation.

To cope with the larger amounts of military traffic, extra embarkation points had been constructed at Tidemills & The Buckle, Bishopstone. At lower tides, these too could then be used for loading the Navy landing craft.

The success of Operation Overlord in establishing a foothold on German-occupied Europe, followed by the hard battles of the Normandy Bocage country, were the first steps on a long road to victory. A road that Newhaven Harbour helped pave the way for and one we should all take pride in.

Newhaven Remembers D-Day



Walking tour of Newhaven Harbour

Come and join Newhaven Fort in remembering D-Day with a walking tour of Newhaven Harbour and its role in Operation Overlord.

Experience Newhaven's wartime heritage that lives around us all and hear some of the stories of the men and women who took part in the largest seaborne invasion in history.

"We marched into Newhaven and filled the local cinema. A naval officer told us about the big event and warned 'Some of you will not be returning'..."

This is a **free** walking tour provided by the staff of Newhaven Fort.

Please visit our website for further details
www.newhavenfort.org.uk.



Join us for The International Tribute

Newhaven Town Council will be taking part in The International Tribute by lighting the Town's Beacon. Please join us for this unique opportunity to pay tribute to all those that paid the ultimate sacrifice on D-Day and throughout WWII as a whole, whilst fighting for the freedom we all enjoy today.

Please join us on West Quay Promontory, (just along from the just RNLI) on 6th June at 9pm.

This is a free event.

For more information on what is happening across the UK, please visit
www.d-day80beacons.co.uk.



Tony Harris as

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"But I'll be sober in the morning"

Newhaven Historical Society Talk

AT

HILLCREST CENTRE

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024

7:30 PM - Members FREE, Guests welcome - £5 on the door

HILLCREST CENTRE, BAYVIEW ROAD, NEWHAVEN, BN9 9HL

Tony is a professional comedian, raconteur and actor, who specialises in historical talks with a hysterical twist. He uses comedy to help his audience gain information by making them laugh, but every point he makes is historically accurate.

There will be anecdotes and snippets from famous war time speeches, plus the chance to question the great man afterwards



80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY EXHIBITION

AT

NEWHAVEN MUSEUM

OPENS FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

FREE ENTRY ON SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2024

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

INCLUDING

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EXHIBITION CONTINUES THROUGHOUT JUNE

This edition's photo is from 1972. We can date it accurately as it shows the freight ro/ro ferry *Capitaine Le Goff* in the black hulled livery she had that year. One of the reasons for her introduction is clearly seen on the quay, the rows of imported Simca cars and vans. Some 30,000 had come in during 1971 and there just wasn't enough space to cope with this level of traffic on the three regular car ferries, *Falaise*, *Villandry* and *Valencay*. Two extra French ferries, *Compiègne* and *Chantilly* had helped by taking some of the traffic in Spring 1982, but on 8th August, *Capitaine Le Goff* was introduced.

A Norwegian built ship, she was launched as *Admiral Carrier I* for the Larvik to Frederikshavn route, but sold and renamed immediately. Small and very slow – she could make just one round trip per day – she was not a great success but nevertheless would be a useful addition in terms of freight capacity as she could carry up to 25 lorries or 170 trade cars. She was, alas, also rather unstable and there are photos on line showing the

aftermath of a rough crossing – a whole row of Simca cars that had been flattened by an overturned lorry. She was eventually equipped with a large stabiliser tank on the deck just aft of her superstructure and this improved things somewhat.

The Simca cars were seen all around the port, parked as seen but also up at the North Quay and elsewhere. Our Newhaven's Chairman Andy Gilbert mentions on a personal note that just before he started his career in the music business, he worked for Sealink at Newhaven for a month or so. On his first day in the job, he was sent up to the Nat West bank in the town to pick up a cheque, payable to HM Customs, for import taxes on some of the cars – well over £10,000.

Capitaine Le Goff served the route until January 1978, when she suffered major engine failure. Though she did briefly reappear a month or so later, SNCF management in Paris then refused to operate her further and she was laid up pending sale.



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.

Although the view is murky, on the opposite side of the river, we can make out the harbour Watch House, the old Lifeboat House and the tug *Meeching* moored at her usual spot of No.5 Stage.



NEWHAVEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Newhaven Twinning Association are holding one of their fun quiz nights on Friday 19th April. It will be held in the 3rd Newhaven Scout HQ in Fort Road, starting 7.30pm. It costs £5 per person, with teams of up to six people. There are prizes for the winning team.

Please bring your own drinks, nibbles, and glasses.

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

Have you seen the boules court on the West Quay opposite the Hope?

It's for playing pétanque, and every Sunday morning at 10.30 members of Newhaven Twinning Association meet to play. We always welcome anyone who is interested, so why not come along and find

out more. We usually have spare boules available for newcomers.

In June, members of Newhaven Twinning Association will be travelling to our twin town of La Chapelle Saint Mesmin for a weekend visit. We don't yet know what special treats they have in store, but we are sure it will be interesting.

Members will pay for their own travel. The association receives no money from anywhere except what we raise during the year.



Spring and Summer are Greenhaven's favourite months because it's the time when our Network groups are the busiest and we get to come together to provide some great workshops and events.

It's also a busy time in nature too so it's a great time to go outdoors and enjoy our green spaces.

What to look out for

Locally spring came early – the daffodils, crocus and snowdrops were flowering in February but as we move into April there should be plenty of blossom to see and into June plenty of other wildflowers will emerge – look out for beautiful blue cornflowers and red poppies.

Listen out for a change in bird song too – there are local areas alive with ground nesting skylarks, the odd cuckoo and song thrush.

Keep an eye out for spring pollinators including Red Admiral, Peacock and Comma butterflies and a variety of

bumblebees. Greenhovens Network has been busy already this year with two great seed swaps – the first at Bishopstone Station with the Friends of group in January and the Newhaven Green Centre at Swap, Share & Repair in February. If you know of an event that we can attend we are more than happy to bring our seed bank along, just drop us an email.

Please follow us on Facebook or go to our website where you'll find out what workshops we're running in the next few months, booking is essential. Below is a list of what we're already planning:

17th and 19th May

Blossom Walks at Peacehaven Community Orchard

1st June

Sustainability Fair, Seaford

9th June

Froglife event at Peacehaven Community Garden

Late June

Buglife event at Castle Hill

20th July

Butterfly Walks at Castle Hill

and Peacehaven Community Orchard with Dan Danahar

14th September

Harvest Festival event at Peverells Community Garden in Seaford

29th October

Fungi walk at Castle Hill with Martin Allison and Undersea Experience at Meeching Hall

There's also plenty of training on offer through Ouse Valley Climate Action project – if you're interested in anything from first aid to setting up a community group, or nature identification to funding bid writing, please get in touch.



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www.greenhavens.network

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[Greenhavens Network](#)

NEWS FROM



Thank you to all of you who attended our **Swap, Share, Repair** event in January. It was an enormous success, attracting well over 250 people. Over 50 repairs took place and over 300 items were swapped as well as delivering workshops, live music and everyone having a great day. And thanks to **Hospitable Environment** who provided their splendid 'Soup and Social' lunch and all the

other stall holders, collaborators and helpers who made the day possible and to **Ouse Valley Climate Action** who funded the event.

Our **Library of Things** is continuing to grow. To see what you can borrow or to become a member please visit newhavengreencentre.com/library-of-things/.

We are always on the look out for more volunteers. If you're interested in joining our growing team do get in touch by emailing volunteers@newhavengreencentre.com.

Future dates for our Repair

Cafes are April 14th, May 12th, June 23rd (to be confirmed), all 2.30-4.30 at Meeching Hall. Come along and chat , get advice, free tea and cake and browse our free 'bring-and-take' table.



For dates and details of all upcoming events and to contact us please visit our website: newhavengreencentre.com.



Newhaven Tree Wardens



The winter is a busy period for us tree wardens. We have planted lots of new trees around the town, including an oak tree and a Silver birch in Drove Park, along with around 50 saplings which we hope will form a biodiverse hedgerow in the park.

In addition, we have planted thousands of bulbs! A huge amount of daffodils were kindly donated to us. We hope you will notice them pop up in the Spring and Summer.

We as a 'green' group also want to diversify our aims and objectives and to this end we have been working with Dave Boddington, a local naturalist, bird expert and the South East Swift Champion.

Newhaven Town Council has kindly given permission to put up several swift boxes at the council offices and at the chapel at Newhaven Cemetery.

Nothing says Summer more than the screeching cry of swifts at dusk. These are remarkable birds. They spend almost their entire lives in the air, where they eat, sleep, and mate. They only land when they breed and they return to the same nest year after year. They migrate from southern Africa in April / May and return in late Summer.

Swift numbers have declined across the UK by approximately 65% over the past 25 years and they continue to decline at approximately 5% per year. This is due to several factors, including the loss of nesting sites and food sources.

We are lucky to have a few nests in Newhaven and a breeding colony. If you would like to help there are several things you can do:

Swifts, like most other birds, feed on insects and we need to retain as many native plants and wilder areas as possible. More nectar = insects, and thus, food for birds. Try and grow a garden rich in pollinating plants and be chemical free.

More nest boxes are needed or the installation of swift bricks, especially (but not necessarily) if you live around the Harbour Heights area, as this is where there is an active colony.

The boxes ideally need to be at least 5m high and NW facing.

Peak Boxes supply and make very good boxes which are recommended by swift experts. Swifts would naturally nest in the eaves or under cracks in tiles in roof spaces. If you are repairing a roof, please be mindful of possible nests you may have and don't block the nests. They don't make a mess and the parents clean up any excrement left by the chicks.

Join the Newhaven Swift Group on Facebook, they are hoping to hold regular swift walks to monitor and record swift nests.

We held a talk by Swift Expert and Naturalist, Dave Boddington on 'Swifts and Trees for Wildlife' in March and we hope to put on more talks about wildlife and trees in the future.

If you'd like to join and help us, please contact us at bn9trees@hotmail.com.




**Play Tennis Open Day at
Newhaven Tennis Club**
Court Farm Road




Monday 6 May
1000hrs – 1400hrs

Children of all ages & Adults Welcome




Come and meet the Coaches
Clive Stanyard & Dave Bye
Rackets/balls provided.
Special deals on Club Membership offered if taken
-up on the day.
Discount on first lesson
The Club offers 'one to one' coaching or in groups
held at beginner & improver levels
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Volunteering with us

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Newhaven Chamber wins 'Networking Group of the Year' at the SME National Business Awards

The grand finale of these prestigious business awards was staged in the Great Hall at Wembley Stadium with over 700 business owners and guests from across the UK. Nineteen awards categories were handed out at the ceremony, following a champagne reception, dinner and entertainment from the West End.

Annie Lorys, Vice President of Newhaven Chamber, said, "We were very nervous when the Best Networking Groups were read out, especially as there were so many people in the room. The build-up was incredible, and to hear Newhaven Chamber announced as winners was such an achievement. We were all over the moon and tremendously proud."

Eleven Newhaven Chamber members attended the event held on the same evening the



Lionesses played the Netherlands. We both ended up champions!

The SME National Business Awards are now in their eighth year and showcase talented businesses throughout the UK. A range of top business professionals and entrepreneurs judges the shortlisted entries.

The benefits of being a member of Newhaven Chamber of Commerce

There is much to be said about being part of a vibrant, busy networking group supporting each other and local business leaders.

Collaborating with other experts in varied fields is an excellent way of improving your knowledge and making connections. Knowing how others have developed ideas and discovering what is happening locally is vital to expansion and business growth.

At Newhaven Chamber, businesses often talk about finding a solution to a problem, and it's pretty frequent that a member of the Chamber has experienced something similar before and can offer an effective solution.

Meeting weekly for breakfast on Wednesdays between 7 am and 8.30 am increases awareness of your business, brand, products and services. Our one-minute intros are an essential way of getting your message out to numerous people and their networks. Building relationships, finding encouragement, and a fresh viewpoint are priceless. We also arrange joint networking

lunches and events with the Newhaven Enterprise Centre. The more you network, your business will grow and make lasting connections.

And it's not just business - we also find time to relax and enjoy trips to Dieppe, fine dining, a game of boules, some fun casino nights, and the occasional themed barbecue.



If you want to learn more about the Chamber, please visit the website at www.newhavenchamber.co.uk and come along for a networking breakfast on a Wednesday morning. You can book a place online.



NEWHAVEN HERITAGE WALKS

Since May 2023, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, local volunteers have worked with Dr Jenny Flood to research and create 3 Heritage Walks for Newhaven. These walks explore the heritage of: West Quay and Beyond, East Side, and Central Newhaven. To sustain this great work, we are hoping to offer one Heritage Walk a month, led by volunteers. Dates to be confirmed, so please check

the following link for: walk updates, maps showing the routes, and PDFs with lots of fascinating heritage information about the walks.

sussexcommunity.org.uk/environmentclimatechange/newhaven-heritage-routes/

Our aim for these walks is not to offer a definitive version of Newhaven's heritage but raise awareness and encourage people to share their heritage stories along the way- keeping Newhaven's rich heritage alive.

INTERESTED IN HISTORY, LOCAL STORIES OR HAVE SOME OLD PHOTOS?

Help us delve into the archives to find out about the pioneering lady bicyclists across Sussex from 1890 to 1928.

Sussex Blazing Saddles is exploring the transformative impact of the bicycle on women & fashions in Newhaven, Bexhill, Worthing, Brighton & Hove.

Over the last few months, we've been visiting East & West Sussex County Archives & discovered sunny, cycling

days out; women's racing competitions & a huge gathering of cycling Suffragists riding to London on the NUSS Great Suffragist Pilgrimage.

Help us find more. We're looking for cycling stories about Newhaven: maybe old photos of cycling friends, family or tourists on days out; old adverts, letters or receipts from the French's bike shop on the High Street; or more stories of the singing Telegram Girl, Grace Christmas.

Learn new skills, make new friends & help unravel some of the mysteries of women's cycling history. More information at this link - www.kp-projects.co.uk/sussex-blazing-saddles-volunteers-call-out/.



▲ NUWSS (National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies) on Monday 21 July 1913 near Clayton, showing members on the NUWSS Great Suffragist Pilgrimage, from a postcard.



▲ 1921-Sept 18 Ladies Ten competitors Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club. credit West Sussex County Council Libraries

WE HAVE NEW VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR CHARITY SHOPS IN NEWHAVEN AND LEWES!

If you have a little time to spare, why not come along, meet new people, share your skills and learn new ones. We have a variety of roles for you to choose from with flexible hours to suit you. Choose from customer facing, behind the scenes, digital assistant to name just a few. Why not pop in to one of our shops or email eve.collins@sussexcommunity.org.uk to find out more.

PHENOMENAL HAPPENINGS - a series on Latest TV showcasing community groups in your area

Making it Happen is a community development programme, part of SCDA, and supporting communities across East Sussex. In Lewes District, we're based in Newhaven, and supporting people, projects and places in both Newhaven and Peacehaven. We've partnered with the local television channel Latest TV to develop Phenomenal Happenings a series of films focusing on some of the amazing things communities are doing in their areas.

The show airs live on **Latest TV (Freeview 7, Virgin Media 159, and online at thelatest.co.uk) on Fridays at 7pm and Saturdays at 10:30am**. Our first two episodes focus on projects in Newhaven and Peacehaven, with further episodes focussing on Lewes District and Eastbourne.

To find out more, or to watch the episodes so far, go to the page on our website: making-it-happen.org.uk/latest-tv/.



EAST SUSSEX COMMUNITY GROUP FIRST TO WIN SILVER

East Sussex Wellbeing at Work is an accreditation programme that provides a free framework for employers to improve wellbeing in the workplace and Havens Community Hub CIC have become the first not-for-profit small organisation to achieve the silver criteria for their commitment to their staff and volunteers.

Hub Founder, Paula Woolven, said *"I believe employers, whether commercial or charity, should always invest in the well-being of their staff and volunteers - our greatest assets. When people feel*

supported and valued, they are more engaged, motivated and productive, improving morale within a positive environment. Having achieved our bronze award earlier in the year, I'm delighted that our ongoing work has resulted in us achieving silver. We aim to become the first not-for-profit to win the gold award in 2024."

The programme, run by East Sussex County Council, takes a holistic approach, including the following topics:

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



▲ Havens Community Hub representatives accept the award. (L-R) Flavia de Melo Dewey (ESCC), Dani McDonald (Hub), Dawn Norman (Hub).

To find out more or to sign up for free, visit [wellbeingatwork.eastsussex.gov.uk](https://www.wellbeingatwork.eastsussex.gov.uk).

B.E.M FOR COMMUNITY HERO

Paula Woolven, 51, has become the second generation of her family to be awarded the British Empire Medal (B.E.M) in the New Year's Honours List, with a special mention of her efforts during the 2019 Covid Pandemic, where she set up the Havens Food Cooperative project in Newhaven to prevent food waste from supermarkets and feed the community free of charge.

A regular charity supporter from the age of 14, Telscombe Cliffs resident Paula was first inspired by the example set by her mother, Marilyn Nolan, herself a community stalwart and lifelong volunteer for many charities including the

RNIB, the Barn Theatre, DaSH JFC and the Meridian Mature Citizens Forum.

Paula founded the Havens Community Hub in 2018 and pushed the fledgling not-for-profit beyond its limits during C19.

"I may be the captain, but this ship couldn't have set sail without all the wonderful volunteers, supporters and staff on board," Paula said, "we have nearly 100 people directly involved in the front-line services that the Hub provides through our different projects and legacy charities, including our new community and small business support services based at the Telscombe Cliffs Civic Centre. I know it's cliché but I would genuinely like to thank each and every volunteer and dedicate this award to their tireless work to make every day a little better."



▲ Paula & her mum, Marilyn who was awarded the B.E.M 2016

To find out more about the work of Havens Community Hub visit www.havenscommunityhub.co.uk.

To donate to support their work visit localgiving.org/charity/havenscommunityhub.



Newhaven Coast West
Rotary
 Rotary South
 District 1145



Working to help our Community

What is Rotary International?

Rotary is part of a worldwide organisation of over 1.4 million people in 46,000 clubs. Our first club was founded more than 118 years ago. Our members and friends provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help to build goodwill and peace throughout the world. The Rotary Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland are part of the only self-governing area in the world and full information can be found on their website www.rotarygbi.org.

The Rotary motto is Service above Self

As a club we organise events for members and friends quiz nights, trips out, Christmas parties for local senior citizens, we have stalls at local fetes, and we help others when needed.

We can: Run youth events such as RYLA, Young Citizen awards, Young Chef competitions and many other youth programmes. Rotaract, Interact and RotaKids clubs are all part of the Rotary Family, and we all work to help others.

All Rotary Clubs give donations to other charities and groups, and for us we are delighted to have supported many local organisations, including Newhaven Scouts - ABC Fund - CTLA - RNLI Newhaven - KSS

Air Ambulance - Peacehaven & Telscombe FC- Kempton House - Parkinsons UK - Care for Carers - Starlight - Dorothy House - Telscombe Hall - Peacehaven Scouts - Mencap (Newhaven) - Denton Cricket Club the Air Ambulance and many more. We also purchase equipment for those with disabilities and who are in need.

However, Rotary is not all about good works. Friendship and fellowship are important too.

At our Tuesday meetings we meet for a snack lunch at 12.30pm for 1pm at The Scout Hut, Fort Road, Newhaven. And for those working full-time we are hoping to plan an evening meeting once a month in a cafe or Pub in Peacehaven/Saltdean.

So, this is the Rotary Club of Newhaven Coast West, founded by local people with a vision over 52 years ago and serving our communities ever since.

We are always happy to welcome new members, visit us at the Scout Hut and meet us or talk to us at one of the events which we attend. Please telephone the Hon Secretary if you would like to visit us on Tel no: 01273 516018, email: info@newhavenrotary.co.uk or visit our website: www.newhavenrotary.co.uk.



WOOD CREATIVES

A CUT ABOVE THE REST



**“ I’d rather spend half an hour in the company of a top carpenter, ”
than three hours in the company of an average brain surgeon**

Winston Churchill

Since the dire days of Covid, the club has been really successful in recruiting more members and continues to steadily grow. We have discovered that even those people with adequate home workshops are finding that the social company and comradeship that the club offers, is good for their mental health... and with more members joining, we are finding folks with new skills that they are ready to share and pass on.

We have moved on from being just a wood carving club, with our members now building and repairing furniture, sculpting and wood turning, to name just a few of the skills on display.

Our aim is not to simply use wood, but to recycle, upcycle, repair and reuse wood in every way possible.

For beginners, the club provides a good selection of carving chisels, as well as hand and electrical tools. Our old wood store rooms have been replaced by a brand new wood turning workshop, and our new external stores developed. We have disposed of several old machines from the old school days and acquired new and modern equipment. All this in a friendly and helpful environment, where advice and support is readily available.

Furthermore, we have a qualified wood turning instructor in the club and we intend to run possible weekend taster sessions and longer courses.

We are currently open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 3.30pm and Thursday evenings 6pm-9pm.

The current fees are £25 per month, with half price for the unwaged - tea & biscuits are free!

If you are interested in joining, please pop in on any of the days we are open and have a guided tour!

So... come and join us to repair your stuff, build your dream, learn new skills, and enjoy the companionship of likeminded people.

Wood Creatives is located at The Hillcrest Centre, Bay View Road, Newhaven, BN9 9LH.

If you need any information contact Joe 07768 331038 or visit our website at www.woodcreatives.co.uk and our Facebook page at Wood Creatives Newhaven.



Friends of Bishopstone Station Open Day on Saturday 4th May from 10am to 1pm. Do come along to an Open Day at the Old Parcel Room Community hub at Bishopstone Station, Station Road. It's a chance to have a look around, have a cuppa and to meet some of the team from Friends of Bishopstone Station.



Man Space

Man Space is the recently launched men's social space at the Old Parcel Room, Bishopstone Station. Whether you're recently retired, looking to meet new people, or just bored sitting at home, it's a chance to make connections, share and find new interests and hobbies and maybe learn something new. We have occasional talks and discussions on men's health, wellbeing and other subjects of interest.

Man Space, from 10am to 12 noon on the first and third Friday of each month. Friends of Bishopstone Station welcome men of all ages from across the Seahaven area for a chat over tea or coffee. Organised by the men of Friends of Bishopstone Station for men in our community. No need to book, just drop by.

Spanish Fiesta and Tapas

Spanish Fiesta and Tapas, Friends of Bishopstone Station Community Food Project. On Saturday May 18th from 10.30am to 1pm

Join from All Abroad! Bus, for a Spanish Fiesta, enjoy classic

Spanish tapas and learn how to make tapas during some short Spanish cookery workshops.

This will be a unique immersive experience, for all the senses, including a 360 degrees virtual reality tour.

We promote food equality through opportunities for food and gardening education. Helping our community access healthy, locally sourced food.

Limited on street parking. Nearest car park at Buckle. 12 or 12a bus, use Hill Rise bus stop. Bicycle rack in front of the station building, or take the train to Bishopstone Station (half hourly service).

Email: friendsofbishopstonestation@yahoo.com
Facebook: Friends of Bishopstone Station
Mobile: 07501 672424
www.friendsofbishopstonestation.org.uk

A Diesel Scented Sigh

by David Holland

The traffic was stopped
By a hernia in its arterial race
When the river bridge opened.
And silence fell, frustration at the wheel.
The tide was full,
Lapping at the dock
As slowly the leviathan appeared,
Navigating the ruptured wound
Bellied down with a cargo
From a different clime.
Yellow jacketed forms threw ropes,
Instructions, loud on the air
As the beast eased itself
To a resting place with a diesel scented sigh.

Dates for the diary.

April – June 2024

APRIL

Mon – Fri

Hillcrest Café Gallery presents U3A.
9am – 4pm

Every Tuesday BY APPOINTMENT

Library of Things, Mencap Hall.
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Every Thursday

Library of Things, Newhaven Library.
10 – 12pm

Tuesday 2nd April

Historical Society AGM followed by
Newhaven Museum Showcase with Dr
Jenny Flood, Hillcrest Centre. 7.30pm

Friday 5th April

Mencap JukeBox Journey Singers,
Riverside Hall.

Saturday 6th April

Mencap & Newhaven Rotary's Travelling
Trends Fashion Show, Riverside Hall.
2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 9th April

Guesthouse Storytelling: Willow Tree Sally
Pomme Clayton: The Mighty Goddess,
Hillcrest Centre. Cafe opens 7pm

Sunday 14th April

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

Saturday 14th April

Cooking Without Waste, Bishopstone
Station. 11am – 1pm

Thursday 18th April

Hospitable Environment Soup & Social,
Hillcrest Centre. 6.30pm

Saturday 27th April

Hillcrest Cinema, Till. Hillcrest Centre 6pm

MAY

Mon – Fri

Hillcrest Café Gallery presents Flora &
Fauna by Dennis Fitter. 9am – 4pm

Every Tuesday BY APPOINTMENT

Library of Things, Mencap Hall.
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Every Thursday

Library of Things, Newhaven Library.
10 – 12pm

Thursday 2nd May

Police & Crime Commissioner Elections.
Various locations, please see your polling
card for details.

Tuesday 9th May

Guesthouse Storytelling: Hawthorn Tree
Anne-Marie, Umi & Wendy:
The Best of GuestHouse. Hillcrest Centre.
Cafe opens 7pm.

Sunday 12th May

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

Saturday 18th May

Spanish Fiesta and Tapas Cooking Course,
Bishopstone Station. 10:30am – 1pm
Mencap Quiz Night: Riverside Hall.

Saturday 25th May

River People Tour, Marine Workshops.
11am - 4pm
Hillcrest Cinema, Brian & Charles, Hillcrest
Centre. 6pm

JUNE

Mon – Fri

Hillcrest Café Gallery presents Terri
Micklam. 9am – 4pm

Every Tuesday BY APPOINTMENT

Library of Things, Mencap Hall.
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Every Thursday

Library of Things, Newhaven Library.
10 – 12pm

Saturday 1st June:

Look Again Supergraphics Festival. Across
town throughout June.

Tuesday 4th June

Newhaven Historical Society presents 'I'll
be Sober in the Morning' - A tour through
Winston Churchill's life with Tony Harris.
Hillcrest Centre. 7.30pm

Thursday 6th June

Newhaven Fort's D-Day 80 Walking Tour.
Details TBC
D-Day 80 Commemoration & Beacon
Lighting, West Quay Promontory. 9pm

Saturday 8th June

Denton Community Challenge, Avis Road
Rec. 1pm

Sunday 9th June

D-Day 80 Exhibition, Newhaven Museum.
11am – 4pm

Tuesday 11th June

Guesthouse Storytelling: Ash Tree, Hillcrest
Centre. Cafe opens 7pm.

Saturday 15th June

Sussex Day at the Bandstand, Denton
Island. 12pm – 5.30pm

Saturday 22nd June

Hillcrest Cinema, The Banshees of
Inisherin. Hillcrest Centre. 6pm

Sunday 23rd June

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

What's on.

ARTS, CRAFTS & IT

Into Art

Hillcrest Centre. Mondays & Fridays:
10am – 12pm £5 an hour.

To book email wildseagarts@gmail.com

Creative Writing Course

Hillcrest Centre. To find out more, please
contact Umi at umisinha.writing@gmail.com

Knit & Natter

Newhaven Day Club. Mondays 2pm – 4pm

Life Drawing

Hillcrest Centre.

Wednesdays: 10.30am – 1pm.

To book email julianlebas@yahoo.com

Meridian IT

Hillcrest Centre. Every 1st Monday
of the month: 10am – 12pm

Newhaven Art Club

Peacehaven Evangelical Church Hall.

Mondays: 2pm

For more information visit

www.newhavenartclub.co.uk or ring

Chris Cook on 07887 520708 or email us

at NewhavenArtClub@Hotmail.com

Software Solutions

Hillcrest Centre. Tuesdays 4.30pm – 6pm

U3A Art

Hillcrest Centre. Tuesdays: 2pm – 4pm.

To book email graham.heids@btinternet.com

Wood Creative

Hillcrest Centre

Mon, Tues Wed & Thu 9.30am – 3.30pm

Friday & Weekend Planned

Beginners Welcome

Tel Joe 07768 331038

enquiries@woodcreatives.co.uk

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:

join.3rdnewhaven@seahavenscouts.org.uk

Beavers (age 6–8) Thursdays

5.15pm – 6.15pm

Cubs (age 8–10) Wednesdays 5.30pm –

7pm and Thursdays 6.30pm – 8pm

Scouts (age 10–14) Mondays 7pm –

8.30pm and Wednesdays

7.15pm – 8.45pm

Dragoon Explorer Scouts (14–18) Tuesdays

7.30pm – 9.30pm

21 Newhaven PL Army Cadets

Please visit www.armycadets.com

Denton & South Heighton Junior Football Club

The Hollow, South Heighton, Newhaven,
BN9 0TP. Saturdays 9am – 12pm - age
group training times vary.

Please contact Luke Martin to enquire,
dashchairman@gmail.com

Harbourside Gymnastics Academy

Please call 01273 515525

Haven Young Creatives

FREE drama session for children and
young people

The Hillcrest Centre. Tuesdays (term time)

3.30pm – 5pm 8–12 years &

5.30pm – 7pm 13–18 years

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 only)

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)

Mondays Jitterbugs: 10am – 12pm toddler

group (Term time). All families with children
aged 0–4yrs

Titan Fitness

Functional Fitness classes for young people
aged 5–19. For more information, visit

www.titanfitness.uk

HEALTH & WELLBEING

1-2-1 Yoga, Reiki & Reiki

+ Sound Healing Therapy Sessions

Available by appointment only.

3-2-1 Small Yoga Groups (4 week course)

Wed/Thurs 10am & Wed/Thurs 6pm

Samtosh Yoga Studio, 80 Court Farm

Road, Newhaven, BN9 9DY

Email: samtosha4u@btinternet.com

Mary Moves It

Hillcrest Centre. Thursdays: 11am – 1pm

marymovesit@gmail.com

Pilates Classes

Hillcrest Centre

Tuesdays: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Contact Tash: 07831 120600

Tai Chi

Hillcrest Centre.

Mondays: 9.30am – 11.30am

www.taichieffect.com or 07429 007691

Traditional Yang Tai Chi & Dragon Kung Fu

Lewes Road Hut.

Thursdays 6pm – 7.30pm & 7.30pm – 9pm

Contact Jon 07715 664228

www.DMAA.co.uk

Slimming World

Denton Island Bowls Club.

Thursdays: 5.30pm & 7pm

& Saturdays: 7.30am & 9am.

Contact Karen: 07872 388080

Yoga with Sue

Denton and Mount Pleasant Social Hall.

Thursdays: 9.45am – 11.15am.

Contact Sue on 07721 611314

Zara Yoga & Pilates

Meeching Hall.

Mondays: 11am - Mat based Pilates

Wednesdays: 5.45pm - Hatha Yoga and

7pm - Mat based Pilates

Friday: 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 – 11am to litter pick & conservation

tasks. For more information contact Jim

Skinner brianjimskinner@gmail.com

Guesthouse Storytellers

Hillcrest Centre.

Visit www.guesthousestorytellers.com

for more information

Historical Society

Visit www.newhavenhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Newhaven & District Model Railway Club

Heatherside Business Park, Unit 4,
Norton Road BN9 0BZ.
Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm – 10pm
Email newhavendmrclub@gmail.com or
tel: 07715 993675 or 07563 840687

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

Royal Literary Fund Reading Round

Hillcrest Centre: Tuesdays. Open to new
members. Find out more by emailing
Umi Sinha umisinha.writing@gmail.com

U3A

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

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 or
havenharmoniescommunitychoir@gmail.com

Newhaven Ukulele Group

Hillcrest Centre. Wednesdays Fortnightly:
7pm – 9pm. Contact Peter on
peterandberylneal@gmail.com or
Sue on 07745 394220

Private Dance with Studio Tempo

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

Singing Mamas

Denton Island Community Centre.
Fridays: 10am.
Please contact Lizzie at
lizziesingingmamas@gmail.com

Streetfunk

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

Ukulele

Hillcrest Centre. Wednesday:
7pm – 9pm. Every 2 weeks. To book email
peterandberylneal@gmail.com

SOCIAL

Denton 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 email
info@newhavenrotary.co.uk or
tel: 01273 516018

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. Wed: 7pm – 9pm
and Fri: 10am – 12pm
Contact Rosemary on 07999 860333

Hillcrest Boxing

For more information, please visit
www.hillcrestboxinggym.co.uk

Newhaven Archery Club

For more information, please visit
www.newhavenarcheryclub.co.uk or
email newhaven_archery@yahoo.co.uk

Newhaven Gig Rowing

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

Newhaven Bowling Club

Short Mat every Monday from 1pm
and Wednesday and Saturday from
10am. For more information contact
Jose Baker on 07542 608304 email
nbowlscsocialmedia@gmail.com or
www.NewhavenBowlingClub.weebly.com

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

Club Members can use courts any day
Sun: Adult & Junior Coaching: 10am – 1pm
Mon: Junior Coaching 4.30pm & 5.35pm
Tues: Adult Club: 1pm – 4.30pm
Thurs: Adult Club: 5.30pm – to dusk
Sat: Junior Coaching: 9am | 10am | 11am
& Adult Club: 1pm – 4.30pm
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

Pétanque with Newhaven Twinning Association

Every Sunday morning, opposite The Hope
Inn, Newhaven. Spare Boules available!

Seaford Rugby Club

For more information visit
www.seafordrfc.club/contact

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Meetings

Hillcrest Centre. Thursdays:
7.15pm – 8.30pm
Meeching Hall. Wednesdays: 9.30am

Bereaved by Suicide: East Sussex

Please contact the Sussex Suicide
Bereavement Support Team
on 07376 616628 or email
sussexbereavedbysuicide@cruse.org.uk

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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