

Seaford Town Council

Autumn 2018 Newsletter



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Left to right —Seaford Bonfire Night and Martello Beach Huts at sunset

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Dates for your diary...

November

Fri 23 Mayor's Charity Fashion Show

December

Sat 1 Seaford Christmas Magic

Fri 7 & Sat 8 The View Christmas Party Nights
Fri 14 Mayor's Christmas Carol Service

The View Christmas Party Night

Fri 21 & Sat 22 The View Christmas Party Nights





Bulletin Board

New and Exciting Seaford Skatepark!

There have been calls for a new skatepark in Seaford as the current skatepark comes to the end of its lifespan and offers limited scope for progression or excitement for users.

Consultation with users and the public have been held on two occasions; during the initial Salts Development Plan consultation and then again when the preferred design for the skatepark was selected out of the three designs received. The design submitted by 'Canvas' was the clear favourite from the public consultation, offering a wide range of features that are suitable for all ages and abilities.



It will be made of a durable, low noise concrete construction with a

guaranteed lifespan of 25 years and has many elements that can be used by all. It is also virtually maintenance free, which is a positive for the future financial implications. The Skatepark will be in keeping with the other new facilities offered to other younger people in that it will remain free to use.

The skatepark is also part of the Seaford Town Strategic Plan and the multi-agency 'Regeneration Delivery Framework for Seaford Vision to 2030'. The new skatepark will offer a free healthy activity which can help children build confidence and self esteem. It is also a place where young people can escape the pressures of team sports.

Seaford Town Council has secured Section 106 funding of £179,000 and now need to raise the additional £21,000 to enable the skatepark to go ahead. Announcements as to how this funding will be raised will be made in due course; any amount raised will all contribute to this project being able to go ahead.

Seaford Town Council are hoping to raise the remaining funds so that work can start in the new year to be ready to be opened by early summer.

Anyone with any ideas about fundraising activities can send these through to facilities@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Seaford Neighbourhood Plan out for second public consultation

Further to its adoption at the Council meeting in October, the second pre-submission Seaford Neighbourhood Plan is now undergoing its second Regulation 14 public consultation.

Full details and all consultation documents can be found online at www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/
Neighbourhood-Plan.aspx

Hard copies of the consultation documents can be found in Seaford Tourist Information Centre and Seaford Library, amongst other locations.

The consultation is open from 1 November 2018 to 13 December 2018 - this is your chance to get involved with helping determine the future of our town; its environment and countryside, economy and facilities, housing and development, and travel and transport.

Bulletin Board

Plastic Free Seaford

Community Meetings:

Can we all make Seaford a plastic free town? Join what we hope to be a lively discussion with Claire Sumners and members of the plastic-free town campaign.

Claire is looking for a team of volunteers to work with her to help Seaford to plastic freedom! Could that be you?



Come along on Tuesday 20th November at 7pm in the function room of The Seven Sisters Pub, Seaford.

On the night you can find out more about what 'Plastic Free' actually means, what the Surfers Against Sewage strategy is and how as a town we can implement it.

She'll also be on hand in her other role as Zero Waste Maman to help you identify those single-use plastic products you can easily eliminate from your life!

Beach Cleans:

First Sunday of every month, 10am start, at the following:

- 4th November, Martello Tower
- 2nd December, The Buckle

Seafront Improvement Plan

The Seafront Improvement Plan was created with the ethos of the project being to develop the seafront in a way that meets the expectations of Seaford residents, to attract visitors to sustain the local economy and businesses, to generate a capital surplus and to have a low risk and low revenue outlay with maximum revenue income. At the last meeting held on Thursday 18th October five additions and one omission were adopted. These are:

<u>Additions</u>	<u>Omissions</u>	
Five seasonal concessions housed in huts (not food outlets)	20 executive Beach Chalets	
A cycle repair station, pump and racks		
Disabled beach access		
Bönningstedt Promenade Gabion Wall		
Seasonal rental Beach Huts		

The full report can be viewed by visiting https://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Minutes-amp3b-Agendas.aspx

Bulletin Board

Talland Parade Development - Seaford Town Council position statement 16th October 2018

Background

The Talland Parade development has been pending since securing planning permission to redevelop in January 2012.

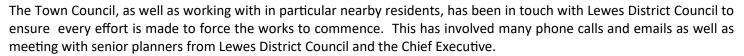
The original owner had a number of issues and erected scaffolding twice, the second scaffold is still in situ.

Seaford Town Council's role

Seaford Town Council is not the planning authority or the building control authority; this is Lewes District Council.

Seaford Town Council is however a voice for the local

community and has been in communication with many residents about the lack of progress with the build by the owner and in particular the existing scaffolding which was in situ for several months without any further work taking place.



The powers that Lewes District Council have are limited and could be more detrimental than positive if used at the wrong time. Accordingly, some caution has been used.

Current situation

The ownership of the site changed earlier this year. Lewes District Council Planning Officers were in immediate contact with the new owner who said he was attempting to get new builders on site as soon as possible to start work on the project. The scaffolding was therefore still in situ. This was monitored very closely by Lewes District Council and Seaford Town Council.

Unfortunately, after several weeks no progress was made. Lewes District Council therefore served a Section 215 notice on the owners. This required them to remove the scaffolding within 28 days of service. Towards the end of the 28 days the owners submitted an appeal to this notice to The Magistrates Court as is their legal right.

In early July the District Council confirmed that the Magistrates Court had dismissed the appeal due to it having been received outside of the statutory appeal period. The Section 215 notice therefore took effect from 20th April, with one month to comply, expiring on 20th May 2018. Lewes District Council has a duty to act reasonably towards the landowner and in view of the circumstances of the abandoned appeal, it was agreed to extend the compliance period until 31st August.

Subsequently communication remained open between Planning Officers at Lewes District Council and the developer. This resulted in workers appearing on site late in September. They continue to work on site as of the 16th October. Whilst they continue to work the scaffolding is legitimate and can remain in situ.

Seaford Town Council and Lewes District Council continue to monitor works to ensure these are not abandoned again. It is hoped by following this course the building will be improved and developed as planned and will be an asset to the Town Centre rather than the eyesore it is at present.



Personnel Updates

The Council is pleased to welcome **Colin Andrews** and **Isabelle Mouland** to the team. Colin joins us as Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and Isabelle is covering as Executive Support Officer while Georgia Raeburn is on maternity leave.

Alongside Georgia's, the Council also eagerly awaits news of the impending arrival of casual worker at The View, Amanda Chippendale's baby. We wish them and their families all the happiness in this new chapter!

The Council is bidding farewell to Deputy Head Greenkeeper, Adam Peck, who is progressing his career having taken on a Head Greenkeeper position at a nearby golf course. After nearly three years with the Council, we wish Adam all the best in his new role!

Recruitment for a replacement is underway, with interviews held late-October. An announcement will be made once the new team member is on board.

Karen Singleton, who was carrying out the role of RFO on a consultancy basis, completed her final day with the Council at the end of October. The Council is very grateful for all Karen has done in her time here and wishes her the best of luck going forwards.

Fun Facts!

Name: Colin Andrews

Originally From: Northern Ireland via Lancashire to East Sussex (32 years+, so almost accepted as a

local!)

Favourite Author: Dan Brown

Favourite Film: The Great Escape

Favourite Artist: Jon Constable

Favourite Travel Destination: Anywhere north of

the Scottish Central belt = Scottish Highlands

Favourite Meal: Christmas Dinner, turkey and all

the trimmings

Favourite Joke: The Two Ronnie's—Fork Handles

Which 3 people (past or present) would you invite to a dinner party: Francis Bacon, Prof. Brian

Cox and Nicola Sturgeon

Interesting/Unknown Facts: As an Accountant we're noted for being deadly dull and boring!

Name: Isabelle Mouland

Originally From: Ringmer

Favourite Author: J.K Rowling

Favourite Film: Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Artist: My Daughter

Favourite Travel Destination: Cyprus

Favourite Meal: Anything Italian

Favourite Joke: None that can be mentioned here!

Which 3 people (past or present) would you invite to a dinner party: Beyoncé, Ed Sheeran and

Stacey Dooley

Interesting/Unknown Facts: I got married in Venice, in secret! The only people who knew our plans were our Mum's who then waited at home for the green light to send out a photo and card to all of our friends and family letting them know our news!

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Christmas 2018

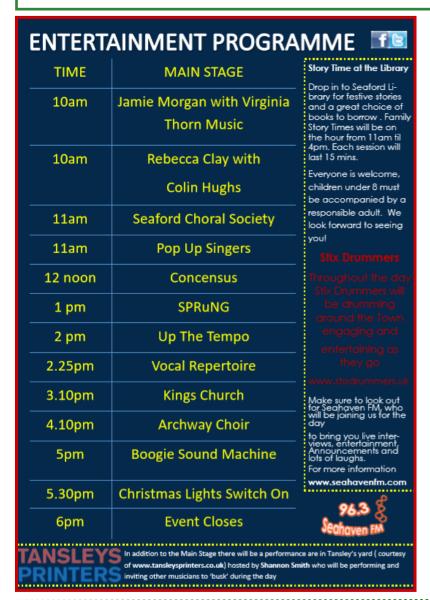


On Saturday 1st December 2018 Christmas Magic returns!

Seaford Christmas Magic brings the sounds and smells of Christmas with a full range of entertainment and attractions for the people of Seaford and the surrounding areas. This year includes two stages packed with live music, Santa's grotto, reindeers, lantern parade, as well as the Ice Queen and Snow Princess!

Organised by Seaford Town Council Christmas Magic Committee (many thanks to these amazing volunteers), the Town Centre will be filled with festive stalls and happenings for everyone to enjoy. This year there will be an even greater variety of stalls providing an array of produce, with charity and fundraising stalls, Christmas trees, catering, mulled wine and a variety of exclusive Christmas goodies; there will be something for everyone!

Seaford Christmas Magic is a zero budget event. The organisers are volunteers and everything has to be paid for by sponsorship, stall hire and donation.







It's the most wonderful time of the year...







Christmas party nights throughout December

Friday and Saturday including disco available 7th,8th,14th, 21st & 22nd only £31.95

Come and join other smaller groups and <u>make</u> a great party together or have exclusive use, of the venue, for groups of over 60 people. Discos available Monday – Thursday for exclusive parties

Call 01323 890139 for more details and to book.

Deposits and pre-payments are required as well as a pre-order for parties over 10 people.

This ensures availability and quality of products and service.

The View at Seaford Head Golf Club, Southdown Road, Seaford, BN25 4JS

Email: hello@the-view.co.uk Website: www.the-view.co.uk

The Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Linda Wallraven cordially invites you to attend the Mayor's Carol Service 2018

St Andrew's Church, Bishopstone Village, BN25 2UD

Friday 14th December at 7pm

Refreshments will be provided after the service in the Parish Hall

RSVP by 7th December To Seaford Town Council 37 Church Street Seaford BN25 1HG

BN25 1HG admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk



The Council offices will close on Friday 21st December 2018 at 4.30pm and re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 9am

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Seaford Christmas Magic Shop Window Display Competition

Seaford Town Council in conjunction with Seaford Chamber of Commerce are

organising the Annual Christmas 'Best Dressed Shop Window Competition.

Retailers in the town centre are invited to get involved by dressing up their windows with a Christmas Theme, to be ready to be showcased at the annual Seaford Christmas Magic Event, which is being held in the town on Saturday 1st December. The town comes alive with beautiful decorations and the displays will enhance the magical atmosphere in the festive season

Leaflets with details of the competition are being distributed to shops a couple of weeks before the judging takes place, and will be available from the Tourist Information Centre in Church Street; details will also be available on the Chamber website (www.seafordchamber.co.uk)

Judging will take place on Friday 30th November from 5pm by the Seaford Chamber of Commerce President, Paul Franklin, the Mayor of Seaford, Linda Wallraven, the Young Mayor Dom Avey and Deputy Young Mayor, James Jenkins. The overall winner will be presented with a glass trophy and two runners-up will be presented with highly commended certificates.

Last years' competition had some fantastic entries and it was a very tough decision for the judges to make.

The overall winner was - Ambers Florist (pictured right)

Highly commended - Foam and Fabric and Unique Hair and Beauty (pictured below)







This year, it is expected that there will be even stronger competition. There is no application – as long as your premises are within the Town Centre, the judges will view them on 30th November.

The Mayor Cllr Linda Wallraven is quoted as saying- 'It's a great pleasure to be asked once again to judge the Christmas Shop Windows. This has proved very difficult in previous years because of the high standard and individuality, and I am sure this year will be no different! I look forward to the challenge'.

Seafront News

Seaford Beach Access

Seaford Town Council has been working closely with local resident Sam Taylor from the Seaford Beach Access Campaign regarding wheelchair access onto the beach to as far as can safely be accommodated. It has been proposed that the east side of the Martello Tower would be a good option as this is more sheltered than most other areas and is less susceptible to erosion.



Facilities Manager; Tony Jackson and Sam recently met with a Scope representative, Mark Bromfield, from Southend on Sea where a similar scheme is in place, albeit a beach less susceptible to erosion.



Mark brought along a tile as above which appeared to be very robust and had worked well in Southend.

The Councils initial thoughts are to install decking, similar to that at the Martello Kiosk to about the same distance. This would lead to tiles, similar to the ones pictured, laid on top of levelled shingle. The tiles would terminate slightly back from where the shingle drops away. These would then be monitored and moved/reconfigured as the edge of the level shingle ebbs back between recycling of the beach.

It's early days however the Council would like to have something in place for Spring 2019!

Hope Gap



Seaford Provides Centre Stage for 'Hope Gap' Stars Bill Nighy and Annette Bening

Seaford Town Council was delighted to secure the filming of a major film in the Town.

Oscar nominated screen writer William Nicholson has returned to his home town of Seaford to film and direct his screenplay HOPE GAP, starring Bill Nighy and Annette Bening.

The film is about a couple whose son comes to visit them by the seaside, but the visit soon takes a dramatic turn when the father tells the son he plans to leave his mother; showcasing the spectacular character acting abilities of the stars.

Filming took place in various locations around Seaford, including Hope Gap Beach, Seaford Head, Seaford Head Golf Course, Seaford Promenade, Seaford Train Station and Maurice Road; all enabling the film crew to capture the true essence of Seaford and providing breathtakingly atmospheric backdrops for the film.

Hollywood actor Bill Nighy famed for his roles in The Best Exotic Marigold's Hotel and Love Actually, was very pleased to pose for photos with local residents in between scene takes and said, 'Seaford is a great place to come and film in'.

Bafta award winning actress Annette Bening, who earned this title from American Beauty, was starring alongside Bill Nighy. British actor Joshua O'Connor, who has starred in Ripper Street and The Durrells, took on the role of the couple's visiting son.

Seaford Town Council worked closely with the film crew during the weeks leading up to and the week of the filming itself. Assisting with the recce of film locations within the town and considering areas which would need to be highlighted to the general public that filming would be taking place; the Town Council was pleased to be able to get so involved with such a special project for the town.

Seaford Town Council Mayor Councillor Linda Wallraven said 'I know how hard the Council staff work to secure filming of this kind in the town. It not only brings in direct revenue but also raises the town's profile and tourism for the area, generating revenue for the whole town'.

William Nicholson and the film crew will take the film to the festivals and all going well, it will reach the big screen soon!



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A ladies night out with a difference!
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there is ample time to try on & buy
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The Mayor of Seaford Linda Wallraven

is hosting a Charity Fashion Show on Friday 23rd November 2018 at 7pm at The View, Southdown Road, Seaford, BN25 4JS

Tickets can be purchased from Seaford Tourist Information Centre

All proceeds will go towards The Mayor's chosen charities, Teddy Treats and Seaford Museum & Heritage Society

A raffle will be held on the night!





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Young Mayor of Seaford



The Young Mayor Dominic Avey hosted an afternoon tea on Wednesday 3rd October for the residents at Cheney's Lodge.

The sandwiches were kindly donated by Morrisons and the tea, cakes and raffle prizes were provided by

Dominic.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended and £187.50 was raised for Seaford Head School's Arts Department.



Dominic Avey presenting a raffle prize to a resident of Cheney's Lodge

Pictured from left to right: Chief Executive of Sussex Housing and Care; Tracy Evans, Young Mayor; Dominic Avey, Deputy Young Mayor; James Jenkins, Head of Department at Seaford Head School; Jennie Mathew and Lead Locality Worker for East Sussex County Council; Min Stone.

Youth Mayor Meetings



P.C Matt Holt of Sussex Police invited Young Mayor; Dominic Avey and Deputy Young Mayor; James Jenkins to a Youth Mayor Meeting which will be held a minimum of three times per year. The meeting is for young people through the Young Mayors of Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven to have a voice in how the police and services respond to them and ways they could make communication more effective. The aim is to not be adult -heavy with Councillors but a representative from the town councils such as the Town Clerk or Manager to offer guidance. Both Dominic and James found the meeting informative and feel by taking part in these meetings the relationship between young

people and Sussex Police would only get better. If you have something that you would like mentioned at the next meeting please email gemma@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Mayor of Seaford

Cllr. Linda Wallraven has had a busy few months attending many engagements and has got a full diary in the run up to the Christmas period. She has particularly enjoyed attending events celebrating the renovation of significant properties within the town. Well done to all involved at The Barn Theatre and Crouch Bowling Club Clubhouse who have both worked incredibly hard to update and restore the buildings. A special mention goes to everyone at Seaford Museum for the efforts and extra hours put in to install the new accessible bridge making it possible for wheelchair users to visit. It has made a positive impact to the town.







Civic

A visit from the High Sheriff of East Sussex

On Thursday 4th October Mayor Linda Wallraven had the pleasure of showing Major John Moore-Bick, the High Sheriff of East Sussex, and his wife Anne around our lovely town. He was delighted to be shown significant parts of Seaford. Linda started by taking them to the Old Town Hall for a hot drink before starting their journey. The first stop was St Andrew's Church in Bishopstone Village followed by the new beach huts, the Salts Recreation Ground, the Martello Tower, The Shoal and to finish the morning off a well needed lunch at The View. The afternoon commenced with a drive up to South Hill Barn then on to see Seaford War Memorial, Seaford Cemetery and to complete their full packed day, they visited The Crouch Gardens.

Major John Moore-Bick said "What a wonderful day you prepared for us in Seaford. Thank you so much! You showed us just why so many people that we meet are so enthusiastic about their town and that you really do make the best of your seaside dimension".

As a thank you the High Sheriff donated £50 to each of the Mayor's chosen charities; Teddy Treats and Seaford

Museum & Heritage Society, which both were extremely

grateful for the donation.



Castle Well **Ewhurst Green** East Sussex TN32 5TD Tel: 01580 831926 hs.eastsussex2018@gmail.com

October 2018

What a wonderful day you prepared for us in Seaford. Thank you so much! You showed us just why so many people that we meet are so enthusiastic about their town, and that you really do make the best of your seaside dimension.

It was also a great pleasure to go 'inland', starting at Bishopstone Church. Please thank Hilary Norsworthy for meeting us and guiding us, and most of all, telling us about the vibrant life that the church fosters. And if you or Liz should see Cynthia, who showed us so proudly her beach hut, I would be very grateful if you would pass her my thanks as well. There are many other people from the day who I should thank, but I cut straight to Liz for driving us. It was fun to have the Sussex Style crew with us as well. I hope that we will eventually get some really nice pictures to remember the day by and for you to add style to your marketing. And last but not least, my thanks to James Corrigan for his excellent explanation of the town's dynamics

Lunch was a delight, thank you for that as well. And as a token of our thanks I enclose two cheques for your chosen charities.

Arme jours me is closing with our best wishes, smeeth your, and Wallraven ayor of Seaford Tolan Council

Councillor Linda Wallraven Worshipful Mayor of Seaford Seaford Town Council 37 Church Street Seaford East Sussex, BN25 1HG

From left to right: Young Mayor of Seaford; Dom Avey, The Mayor's Consort; Mrs Liz Holland; Mayor Linda Wallraven, The High Sheriff of East Sussex; Major John Moore-Bick and his wife; Mrs Anne Moore-Bick



The High Sheriff of East Sussex; Major John Moore-Bick and Mayor Linda Wallraven







