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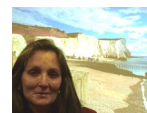
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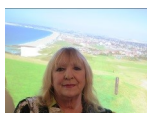
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Front cover photos ; Left top to bottom—Christmas Magic Logo, Stall Christmas Magic, Mayors Carol Service

Right Top to bottom—Lantern Parade, Bönningstedt Parade Beach Huts, Telescope unveiling, Commonwealth War Graves Remembrance

Autumn / Winter Edition 2017-18

Welcome to the Autumn Winter 2017-18 edition of the Town Council's newsletter!

The last months of 2017 have proved very busy again for the Council. The Mayor, Cllr Linda Wallraven has attended 70 official events since taking up office in May. Her fundraising efforts for her chosen charity, the Seaford Lifeguards continue (pages 10-11). The Young Mayor also continues to be busy raising funds for an accessible swing in The Salts (page 11). It may not be summer yet, but see more about the Bönningstedt beach huts for sale on (page 5). The biggest event of the year organised by the Council, Christmas Magic, was the 'best ever' thanks to a hard working Christmas Magic team, made up of Council Staff and volunteers from the Business community (pages 6-7). See more about 'What's on' at The View and Golf Course, details on page 12.

Any questions arising from the newsletter or feedback can be sent by email to admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk or you can contact the Council Offices by phone on 01323 894 870.



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Rampion Windfarm Telescope

Seaford Town Council was excited to announce the arrival of a free to use Triton telescope on Seaford promenade in October 2017. The telescope was gifted to the town by Rampion Offshore Wind Limited and is positioned by Frankie's Beach Café. The telescope will provide views from Newhaven to Seaford Head, and across to the windfarm development. Rampion windfarm is situated off the Sussex Coast between Worthing and Brighton, with the 116 turbines sitting 20 meters above sea level. The turbines will supply the equivalent of up to 290,000 homes energy each year for the lifetime of the project, and has also generated 65 permanent jobs in the local area as well as working with local suppliers to boost the supply chain. The telescope will be available for use by all and benefits from a child stand, as well as using rechargeable batteries. Chris Tomlinson, Rampion's Development and Stakeholder Manager, said: "There has been a high level of interest in the wind farm from local people and we hope the new telescope at Seaford will further encourage their curiosity, both during the current construction period and in the longer term when Rampion is fully operational." The Town Council would like to thank Sylvia Dunn for initiating contact with Rampion making this project possible.



Pictured Left—Windfarm. Right— The Mayor Cllr Linda Wallraven and Deputy Mayor Cllr Mark Brown.

Boot Fairs 2018

All to be held on Sundays in the Martello Fields, Seaford.

April	8 th	Sc	15 th	Ro	May	6 th	Ro	13 th	Sc
June	3 rd	Ro	10 th	Sc	July	1 st	Ro	8 th	Sc
August	5 th	Ro	12 th	Sc	September	2 nd	Ro	9 th	Sc
October	7 th	Ro	14 th	Sc					

Ro - Seaford Rotary Club, 9am - 1pm
Sc - Seahaven Scouts, 8.30am - 1pm



2018 Town Guide Seaford Town Council is pleased to be able to announce the release of the Seaford Town Guide, created by Local Authority Publishing and featuring a wealth of information about the town. The Guide will be available for reading on the Council's website. Hard copies will also be delivered for free by the Royal Mail to all business and residential addresses within the BN25 1/2/3/4 postcodes in late February and will also be available from Tourist Information Centre at 37 Church Street.

Filming

Seaford Head and the Nature Reserve continue to generate regular interest for filming and photography requests. Seaford and its surrounding areas are familiar to viewers of feature films, drama series, factual programmes and is often used for photo shoots and to supplement written articles. Recent bookings have



included filming for the Ford Cougar, the Jaguar E Pace and most recently 'Luther' series 5!

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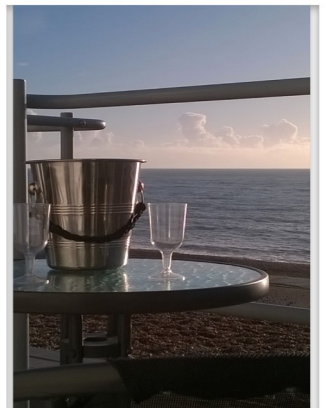
Bönningstedt Beach Huts

Bönningstedt beach huts are conveniently located with direct access onto the beach, with wonderful uninterrupted views of Seaford Bay, Tide Mills, Seaford Head Nature Reserve and cliffs. The beach huts benefit from free car parking, access to the Salts Recreation Grounds, café, tennis courts, sports pitches, skate park and toilets.

The Bönningstedt Parade development is a three-year plan that began in July 2017. In addition to the beach huts, part of the larger Seafront Development Plan includes new toilet facilities and a café/restaurant, which will be protected from the elements by a low-level defence wall.

This first phase of beach huts are currently for sale, valued at £42,000, with proceeds from sales funding the next improvements phases. The beach huts are manufactured using glass fibre reinforced polyester (GRP) which carries a 5-year manufacturer's warranty and it also benefits from a fire retardant coating. The doors, if maintained, are expected to exceed 35 years and the Yale locks are guaranteed against break-ins. The beach huts have a 10 year manufacturers' warranty, with 6.25m² internal space as well as a 3.75m² deck overlooking the bay. This is a great investment opportunity for those sunny days and evenings on the beach for years to come!

Enquiries are welcomed via telephone 01323 895046 or email facilities@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk



Surfers Against Sewage 'SAS' Beach Clean



The problem of plastic waste has been highlighted just recently again in the press. In October, Surfers Against Sewage (an environmental charity tackling plastic pollution) organised community beach cleans which were very successful. Future cleans will be arranged throughout the year, to which volunteers are always welcome. Further details can be found at www.sas.org.uk. Residents and visitors are encouraged to always take litter home with them and help preserve the beauty and protect of the wildlife on our beaches.



Seaford Christmas Magic Lights Up the Town!

On Saturday 2nd December 2017 the town of Seaford lit up when Christmas Magic returned to the town centre for its fourth year running; bigger, better and even more Christmassy!

Organised by Seaford Town Council and Seaford Christmas Magic Events Committee, Seaford town centre was filled with the sights and smells of Christmas for all to enjoy. The event was kindly sponsored by many businesses and organisations in and around Seaford, and couldn't have happened without their support.

There were over 40 market stalls providing a vast array of produce, with charity and fundraising stalls, Christmas trees, hog roast, prosecco, mulled wine and a variety of exclusive Christmas goodies; there was something for everyone! Feedback from stall holders was very positive, stating the event was the "best ever", and local town traders echoing this in that "it's been a real success".

Seaford saw three stages with live entertainment, which was enjoyed by the crowds who gathered throughout the day to come and support their local talent. . Thanks to the efforts of Jonathan Chappell, responsible for organising the entertainment, an outstanding set of performers kept the town alive with festive rhythm all day long!

The lantern parade was a magical experience for the families and children who took part and for the bystanders who shared in the joyous atmosphere of the parade. Lantern making in St. Leonard's Church Hall was made possible by Kristina Veasey and a wonderful team of volunteers, and was sponsored by Phil Boorman, House Clearance and Rubbish Clearance Services. The wonderful creations from the parade are on display at Seaford Library so do pop along and admire.

Thanks go to the Mayor Cllr Linda Wallraven and the Rotary Santa who ended the evening by switching on the lights—a spectacular sight on a dark and crisp winter's evening for the hundreds who had gathered to join in with the festivities.

Seaford Library, Tourist Information Centre, St Leonard's Church and Seaford Community Cinema also joined in the day and entertained visitors with story times at the Library, mulled wine and minced pies, a full array of indoor entertainment and the movie Wonder Woman shown at Seaford Cinema. Kevin Gordon's Historic Tea and Tour was very successful and well received, helping to raise money for the Mayor's Charity Seaford Lifeguards.

Seaford Town Council and the Seaford Christmas Magic team would also like to thank the following businesses for their support and sponsorship to the day's celebrations; Andy Anderson & Son Locksmiths, Toy Town, Sussex Eyecare, Guardswell Cleaning, Reid Briggs Insurance Brokers, David Jordan, SAS Security, Seaford Health Store, VR Flowers, Seaford Home Hardware and The View. Phoenix Medical Services supported the event this year with exceptional first aid cover throughout the day.

Suggestions for Seaford Christmas Magic 2018? We would love to hear them, email them through to the Christmas Magic team at admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk





Seaford has been set a target by Government of finding 565 new homes by 2030 (with 185 still to be found). A Neighbourhood Plan enables a community to decide where new development goes, what areas should be designated as open green spaces and what new infrastructure is needed. In addition to this, the Council also receives more monies through the Community Infrastructure Levy to invest back in the community.

Above all, the plan must be based on evidence not opinion and furthermore, will not be accepted by Lewes District Council (the local Planning Authority) until it is supported by a majority vote in a public referendum, which is planned to be held later on in 2018.

A consultation went live on 3rd November and closed on 20th December on the first draft of the plan. Various open events were also held during the consultation period. All updates and further information can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan's website www.seafordnp.uk which has a wealth of information, including all the documentation that was available on the open days.

The creation of Seaford's Neighbourhood Plan is being lead by a voluntary Steering Group, comprising of local residents and some Town Councillors; Seaford is greatly indebted to the many volunteers who have helped get the plan to this stage. To make contact with the steering group directly, email steering.group@seafordnp.uk

Planning Updates

On 7th December, the Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee drew 25 members of the public to hear debate about the Proposed Development at **Fisher's Wharf Newhaven Harbour** and the **Avondale Hotel**.

South Downs National Park Authority had recently posted an objection on the proposals at **Newhaven Harbour**. It was a very strong and significant objection based on the inadequacy of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment submitted with the application. Issues were also raised about footpath diversion and the effects of tidal drift and deposition of shingle which would threaten the use of the beach. Seaford Town Council resolved to object, echoing those concerns of the National Park Authority, as well as the effect on Tidemills, which falls into the National Park, and the proposed development not following the policies of the Harbour Masterplan. The application will be decided on by East Sussex County Council; full details can be found on its website at [https://apps.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/applications/register/Detail.aspx?typ=dmw_planning&appno=LW%2f799%2fCM\(EIA\)&results=JnBsYWNlbnFtZT1OZXdoYXZlbiUyY05ld2hhdmVu](https://apps.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/applications/register/Detail.aspx?typ=dmw_planning&appno=LW%2f799%2fCM(EIA)&results=JnBsYWNlbnFtZT1OZXdoYXZlbiUyY05ld2hhdmVu)

The Committee also considered the application regarding the change of use of the **Avondale Hotel** from a hotel to an 18 bedroom House in Multiple Occupation, with a maximum of 30 residents. The Town Council objected primarily due to the need to retain and expand tourist accommodation. As the Local Planning Authority however, the decision was made by Lewes District Council's Planning Committee to grant permission for the application. Full details can be found at <http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/search-and-view-planning-applications/> searching for application number LW/17/0929.

The Shoal



Come and visit the jetty at Splash Point and you will see Seaford's remarkable Community Bench installation, The Shoal, which has now undergone its second installation phase, meandering further up the pier.

A total of five giant Mackerel benches now glint in the sunshine, marking the completion of the second section of this amazing sculpture. These fantastical fish, swimming towards the sea, are linked together by a stream bench. Get close and you will see hundreds of stainless steel fish swimming on the stream; get closer still and each fish has a touching message of joy, celebration or remembrance. This extraordinary artwork represents a coming

together of the Seaford community. Each fish plaque has been sponsored by individuals and organisations with a love of Seaford. Sponsors who include visitors from around the world, extending all the way to Australia!

The project is entirely self-funded by the purchase of different sizes of fish plaques (Sprat, Sardine and Herring), the romantic Love Fish, hung like bunting around the jetty, and the ultimate Mackerel plaque which sits atop the Mackerel benches.

Cllr Linda Wallraven, Mayor of Seaford, added, *'The Shoal has been incredibly popular with local residents since Seaford Town Council took over from the Community Partnership who did a great job of creating the Pier Project. The personalised fish on the seat have sold very quickly with just over 100 now remaining for the final section. The quality of the sculpture is stunning thanks to the expert craftsmanship and inspiration of the local artists who have designed and made it - Christian Funnell and Gabby Tofts.'*

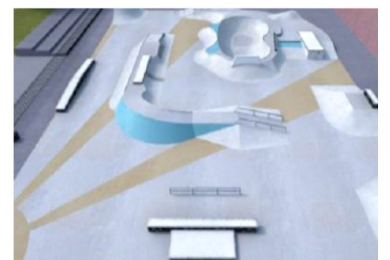
There is still the opportunity to be part of The Shoal; any fish sponsored from now on will be placed on the third and final section of the bench to be added in April 2018. Do visit **www.theshoalseaford.com** for more information and an application form. Don't delay as there is only room for just over 100 fish plaques in total. A final celebration event is planned for Bank holiday Monday 28th May.

Seaford Town Council and the creative inspiration behind this wonderful project – Christian Funnell and Gabby Tofts – invite you to visit The Shoal and enjoy some of the most spectacular views in Sussex.

The Salts - Skate Park

Further to a public consultation in October 2017, which over 250 people of all ages took part in, the Council was pleased to announce the chosen design out of the three submitted by expert contractors.

The Council is currently finalising details for the external funding that is allowing this complete revamp of the well-used skate park area in The Salts. Once the funds are received the Council will be able to commence works removing the old equipment and laying groundworks for the new, much-improved facilities (expected to be late 2018). Much to the delight of the users of the park, the new facilities will accommodate a range of users (skaters, scooters, inline and BMXers) with a concrete skate park including elements of differing heights, runs, transitions, burns, a standalone quarter pipe, pyramid hip and more!



The Mayor's Carol Service



Pictures: Top—Cllr Linda Wallraven, Mayor's Consort Liz Holland & Rev Trevor Smyth at the Mayor's Carol Service.

Bottom—Liz Holland & Cllr Wallraven at the Commonwealth War Graves Remembrance Service.

The Mayor, Cllr Linda Wallraven, and her consort Liz Holland have attended over 70 official engagements since taking up office in May. These have ranged from the Mayors Garden Trail, Open Gardens, championing and supporting local primary and secondary schools, and local charities for all ages. Cllr Wallraven also attended the Remembrance Ceremony and Commonwealth Memorial service in November at Seaford Cemetery with representation from Canada, Ireland and the West Indies.

Pictured right at Cradle Hill School with Pudsey at their Children in Need Bake Off.

The service was organised by Seaford Town Council and St Andrew's Church and was led by Father Trevor Smyth. The Mayor was pleased to welcome along the Deputy Lieutenant of Sussex, Miss Veronica Hamilton-Deeley. Also accepting the Mayor's invite and able to join the service were the Seaford Young Mayor, Thomas Exley, and Deputy Young Mayor, Dominic Avey, local County, District and Town Councillors, local MP Maria Caulfield and the Chairman of East Sussex County Council, Cllr Michael Ensor. The Mayor of Newhaven Cllr June Dyer and Mayor of Peacehaven Cllr Brian Gosling, and other representatives of local charities, members of the community and regular parishioners were also welcomed to join in with the festivities.

Sergeant-at-Mace, Peter White, lead the dignitaries and clergy into the church for the service. It was opened by Fr Trevor Smyth who welcomed everyone and lead the opening prayers. Readings were made by Mr Bob Peedle MBE, Mrs Ann Abbott and Cllr Dave Argent.

In the Mayor's address Cllr Linda Wallraven thanked everyone for attending and spoke about the progress of the funds raised for her chosen charity, the Seaford Lifeguards. To date almost £3,000 has been raised, which will be a huge assistance as their annual running costs are around £9,000. The Mayor reminded all that the lifeguards consist entirely of volunteers who give their own time to provide this vital service for the users of Seaford's beach – a truly admirable undertaking.

The service closed following further Prayers and Blessing by Revd Andrew Mayers, before a retiring collection for the Mayors Charity, which raised a staggering £220!

Refreshments were served in the neighbouring Parish Hall afterwards.



Civic

MAYOR'S CHARITY EVENTS coming up...

The **Mayor's Quiz night** at The View on Friday 2nd March

The **Mayor's Charity Fashion Show** at M&Co on Thursday 5th April 2018

Cllr Wallraven is also requesting donations as raffle prizes of any unwanted Christmas gifts, please. If you should have anything that you would like to donate, please contact admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01323 894870.

Look out for more events that are being organised in the spring! - raising funds for Seaford Lifeguards.



SEAFORD'S YOUNG MAYOR, Thomas Exley, supported by his deputy Dominic Avey, have continued to raise money for his chosen project; raising money to install a wheelchair accessible swing in The Salts playground.

Thomas and Dominic braved the elements and had a stall at Seaford Christmas Magic selling hot chocolate, which was very popular on a cold, wintery day. Other fundraising events that Thomas has organised are a cream tea on the Bluebell Railway, a trip to Chichester's Christmas Market and a trip to Hampton Court Palace.

As we entered 2018, they had successfully raised £4,500 towards the project and send a huge thank you to all those that have helped along the way.

They will be continuing to fundraise until the end of Thomas' time in office in May 2018. More information about Seaford's Young Mayor and the fundraising efforts can be found at www.seafordyoungmayor.com/



Personnel Updates

Since the restructure of staff in October 2017, the Council staff have been settling in to their redefined roles and team structures.

The Council was pleased to welcome on board Tony Jackson as Projects & Facilities Manager. Joining on 18th December, Tony is familiarising himself with the many projects and huge asset portfolio of the Council's. The key projects currently in progress are the skate park and tennis courts at The Salts, Martello toilets, new Beach Huts and other aspects of the Seafront Development Plan, including the sea defence wall.

The Council is currently recruiting for a new Inspector and wishes former Inspector, Jennie Hallett, all the best in the future - she will be sorely missed. This role is currently being advertised with a view to a new team member joining the team in the near future. Details of the role can be found on the Council's website at www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/vacancies.aspx

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