

NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

MAYOR'S LETTER



MAYOR BOB ALLEN



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I have just completed six weeks as Mayor of Seaford. What a six weeks it has been!

First of all I must pay tribute to my predecessor, Councillor Tracy Willis. With her energy, imagination and enthusiasm she has been an inspiration.

Everything she has done from Gok onwards has been to promote Seaford and I hope I can make Seaford the number one town in the South in everyone's mind as she has done.

I was pleased to continue with the Armed Forces Day event which she inaugurated. This year we were blessed with perfect weather again, this time with a cool breeze to prevent those wearing uniform from melting away. It was an honour to inspect the parade with Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Chris Blessington together with the High Sheriff, Deborah Bedford and particularly the Young Mayor, Ellie Homan and her Deputy, Maddie Jay.

The office team worked hard from early morning to get the field ready for that event and deserve my sincere thanks. Also to the Archway choir and the Seaford Head Community College Rock and Jazz Orchestra for providing the musical entertainment.

It has been good to see the strength of community groups such as the Exchange Garden, next to the telephone exchange (you must pay them a visit on a Wednesday morning to see what they have achieved). On the way you can admire the difference the Seaford Quakers meeting have made in presenting the town with a Peace Garden with its sculpture as a place of quiet meditation.

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I must also congratulate the Friends of the Crouch for promoting the Rude Mechanical Theatre's production of "Icarus inc". This was enjoyed by some 200 people picnicking in perfect surroundings.

Raising the East Sussex flag and singing our anthem 'Sussex by the Sea' to celebrate Sussex Day was achieved with the help of our Lifeguards. I always admire the potted history of Sussex given by our Town Crier Mr Peter White.

Among the new ventures for the town as we slowly take back some of our assets from Lewes District, has been the setting up of a new community arts centre in and around Seaford's second oldest building. Arts@theCrypt promises to be a great venture giving young people and others an experience in artistic pursuits. I was proud to open their first exhibition, Seaford Open, and look forward to further events there particularly as it is so near the Council Offices in Church Street.

My charities this year are the Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau and National Coastwatch. I should declare an interest as I am a watch keeper with the latter organisation, keeping an eye on both small boats and other beach users in Seaford Bay making sure that all who use our wonderful coast can do so in safety. Few people realise that the Citizens Advice Bureau is not government funded but is dependent on charitable donations. It does valuable work in our community, helping those who through no fault of their own find themselves in difficulty. I admire the volunteers who give up their time to give advice and assistance in this way.

I must thank all the volunteer organisations who have made me so welcome at the start of my year of office, the Royal Society of St George, the Lions and Lionesses, Rotary, Seaford in Bloom to name but a few. I look forward to attending the service for Waves at the Baptist Church and at other times meeting and supporting all those who do so much for our community.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are to be held on the following dates:

<u>Thursday 15th July</u> Planning & Highways	<u>Thursday 22nd July</u> Community Services	<u>Thursday 5th August</u> Planning and Highways
<u>Thursday 12th August</u> Full Council Meeting	<u>Thursday 19th August</u> Finance & General Purposes	<u>Thursday 26th August</u> Planning and Highways
<u>Tuesday 7th September</u> Seaford Head Golf Course	<u>Thursday 16th September</u> Planning and Highways	<u>Thursday 23rd September</u> Community Services

Members of the public are welcome to attend and questions can be asked at the beginning of each meeting.

Agendas are available from 37, Church Street or via the council web-site at www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Seaford Art Gallery Reopens

The gallery reopened on Saturday 15th May following its devolution to Seaford Town Council and over 650 people came to enjoy the opening exhibition by local artists during its nine day run. "The public response has been terrific," explains Jo Allen of the Crypt Management Committee, "we've had some fantastic feedback, especially regarding the young people's artwork which is of an incredibly high standard."

The gallery has already hosted exhibitions by the pupils of Seaford schools and an exciting new exhibition entitled 20/20 Vision by local artists Lorus Maver and Mike Bovington with many more community based arts projects planned for Arts@theCrypt.

*PUPILS OF ANNECY SCHOOL VISIT
ARTS@THECRYPT*



DEPUTY MAYOR TO SCALE MONT BLANC

In September 2010 Councillor Martin Cornforth plans to climb Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in the Alps.

He hopes to achieve this with his three younger brothers in memory of his Dad who died of cancer almost three years ago.

All the brothers are experienced climbers but in Martin's case the last time he strapped on his crampons or used an ice axe was 1982. So it's not just the ice axe that's a little rusty.

As youngsters it was their Dad who first took them on to the fells of the Lake District and who fostered a love for the outdoors. An ascent of Mont Blanc seemed a suitable tribute, especially if his memory can be toasted with an appropriate Highland malt, on the summit.

Martin hopes to raise some sponsorship money to support the Macmillan Nurses who helped to nurse his Dad at home during the last months of his life.

Long Standing Councillor Resigns



Councillor Rosemary Collict, a North Ward Councillor resigned at the end of May for personal reasons after serving Seaford Town Council for over 11 years.

Rosemary, of Balmoral Close has been a Town Councillor since the creation of the Council in 1999, she also previously served as a Lewes District Councillor for 8 years.

Rosemary was one of a group of people who campaigned for the creation of a Town Council in Seaford. She served as Mayor to the town in 2006/07 and immediately before her resignation was Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee and Deputy Leader of the Council.

Councillors paid tribute to her work and dedication to the town at a recent Town Council meeting. Town Clerk, Sam Shippen, has been asked to bring a report to a future meeting of the Council detailing how the Council can recognise the long service and dedication given by Rosemary.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS—For Further details contact the Tourist Information Centre at 37, Church Street, Seaford. 01323 897426.

Seaford Bike Fest
Sunday 22nd August 2010 10am-4pm

The second Seaford Bike Fest will take place on the Martello Fields, Seaford on Sunday 22nd August. A procession of bikes will make their way to the fields, and there will be a funfair and stalls on the day. For further details, please contact the Town Council on 01323 894870

Friday 23rd July	French Market, Church Street
Sunday 1st August	Museum Market Day
Saturday 14th August	Seaford Triathlon, Martello Fields
Sunday 15th August:	South Coast Half-Marathon, Seaford
Sunday 15th August	Tide Mills Beach Clean
Sunday 22nd August:	Seaford Bike Fest, Martello Fields
Friday 27th August	Launch of Artwave
Monday 30th August:	Lion's Donkey Derby, Martello Fields
3rd–12th September	Seaford Live!
1st & 2nd October	Seaford Means Business, Downs Leisure Centre

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