



# Seaford Town Council Newsletter

## July 2014



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Welcome to the July edition of the Seaford Town Council Newsletter!

Since the last edition we have seen the residents' Town Forum, the re-election of the Mayor, the 150th Anniversary of the Seaford Rail Line celebrations, Sussex Day celebrations, the allocation of Council Grants, the Mayor's Civic Service and Armed Forces Day. Please see inside for more details and photos of the above.

There have been some staffing changes, highlighted on page 8, during which the Council have tried to keep things running as smoothly as possible. This edition also includes an update on some Hot Topics.

The new Council website is being prioritised and we hope to have this live by the end of July. In the meantime, the Council's current website can be found at [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or you can follow our news and updates on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.co.uk/seaford.town.council](http://www.facebook.co.uk/seaford.town.council)

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## RE-ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

May 2014

At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 8 May, Cllr Mark Brown was re-elected as the Mayor of Seaford for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

The Mayor's two charities which he will be supporting whilst in office continue to be WAVES (Working Along Side Voluntary Enabling Services), and Seahaven Storehouse. WAVES, which is situated at 8 Church Street, are a charity who support families in Seaford who are encountering difficulties within their lives. Seahaven Storehouse provides basic food items to individuals and families in need within the Seahaven area, it is located at Kings Well, 115-117 Vale Road Seaford. The Mayor holds these charities dearly and all support will be greatly appreciated.

Since the re-election, the Mayor has attended and thoroughly enjoyed many events such as the Seaford U3A 25th Birthday Celebrations, the Seaford Rail 150th Anniversary Celebrations and many concerts.



Mayor Brown collecting donations for Seahaven Storehouse with the help of Morrisons Seaford branch.

## TOWN FORUM

April 2014

The Town Forum, held at Seaford Baptist Church on 29<sup>th</sup> April, is an opportunity for the residents of Seaford to have their say and give their opinions on matters of Seaford town with their local Cllrs present.

Organisations who received grants in 2013 were able to show small displays of what they had done over the past year and promote themselves to the general public. There was also the handing out of the Mayor's Awards to people selected by the Mayor that have done great work for Seaford Town. The recipients of the Mayor's Awards were; Andy Lock, Ben King, Gerri Ori, Jill Allen, Lesley Wetlesen, Nicky Auster, Sergeant Stuart Mullins and Reverend Vicky Martin



The Don Mabey Award, which was created earlier this year in memory of Don Mabey MBE, is given to selected persons of the Seaford community for outstanding services for the town of Seaford. This year the Mayor chose Dave Argent to receive the accolade.

The Mayor with the recipients of the Mayor's Award and Don Mabey Award, left to right; Lesley Wetlesen, Gerri Ori, Rev. Vicky Martin, Dave Argent, Ben King, Mayor Brown, Sgt Stuart Mullins and Andy Lock



## SEAFORD LINE 150th ANNIVERSARY

June 2014

Sussex Community Rail Partnership held a celebratory event for 150 years of Seaford Rail line on 7 June.

Numerous people were in attendance on the day, some dressed up in fantastic period costume, to watch as the steam train 'Oliver Cromwell' came into the station and to join in with the festivities.

Councillor Sylvia Dunn, one of the organisers and member of the Sussex Community Rail Partnership said "Volunteers from along the line made the day possible and an overwhelming success, they are owed a massive thank you for all their hard work and contribution, it was wonderful to see so many local people get behind this and come out and celebrate this important milestone. There really was something for everyone."



Volunteers dressed up to celebrate the 150th Anniversary. Left to right; Kevin Hardy, Cllrs Sylvia Dunn and Sam Adeniji, Karen Hardy and Jane Harris.

Seaford Town Council were thrilled that they had been in a position to award a grant of £500.00 to Sussex Community Rail Partnership to help promote and support the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations of the Seaford rail line. The Council would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event happen for the people of Seaford.

## SUSSEX DAY CELEBRATIONS

June 2014

At 12 noon on the 15 June Seaford Town Council held their annual Sussex Day Celebration at the lifeguard station by Martello Tower on Seaford seafront.

The day is marked to celebrate and show appreciation for the rich heritage and culture of Sussex. Many were in attendance to enjoy the event which began with a proclamation written specifically for Seaford from Town Crier

Peter White, Town Crier, doing the proclamation.



Peter White as the East Sussex flag was raised high by the Mayor of Seaford, Cllr Mark Brown. Attendees then sang an enthusiastic rendition of Sussex by the Sea.

The event was overseen by the Seaford Lifeguards who also graciously provided refreshments.



Sussex Day Celebrations 15 June; left to right, Cllr Mark Brown, Mayor of Seaford; Cllr Linda Lord; Peter White, Town Crier; Cllr Sylvia Dunn.



# HOT TOPICS

## COMMUNICATION

Seaford Town Council is keen to try and develop the relationship with the residents of the town and public. One area we felt that was identified as a weakness was the lack of communication, openness and transparency. We recognise that good communication is vital and are therefore committed to improve the channels of communication.

There are certain methods that the Council can use to share information:

**New Website:** staff are working on getting the new website live; this job has now taken priority. Once live, the Council would welcome feedback from residents on anything they would like to see included or amendments they feel need to be made. The aim of the website is to have a point of reference where the Council and members of public can easily access information.

**Agendas and Minutes:** for each Committee and Council meeting, agendas, reports and minutes are created. This is a legal requirement and an ideal media through which the public can keep abreast with the current work and future plans of the Council. The documents are uploaded to the website each time for downloading, a link posted on the Council's Facebook page and a hard copy held with Tourist Information at 37 Church Street. An email distribution list is also used for emailing out the documents. If anyone would like to be included on the email distribution list, please let us know by emailing [admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

**Facebook:** the Council were instructed to create a new Facebook business page earlier this year and in doing so lost a lot of followers to the page. Anyone wishing to follow the Council's Facebook page can find us at [www.facebook.co.uk/seaford.town.council](http://www.facebook.co.uk/seaford.town.council). Going forwards we will be posting much more information and regular updates on the Facebook page.

## GOLF CLUBHOUSE

Due to the adverse weather conditions at the end of last year and the beginning of this year, the estimated completion date for the new clubhouse at Seaford Head Golf Course was pushed back to 7 November 2014.

Once completed the new clubhouse will be open to everyone and will be taking booking for private and Christmas parties soon. Details of launch events will be announced in the coming months, so watch this space!

Recruitment for the Club Business Manager will be starting soon. Once the manager has been appointed and found their feet, they will then begin the recruitment process for the rest of the clubhouse team.

Before the launch a name will need to be given to the new venue within the Clubhouse; we would welcome any suggestions from members of public. Please email any ideas on venue names to [admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

# HOT TOPICS

## SEAFORD HWRS

Back in January revised plans for Seaford's Household Waste & Recycling Site on the Cradle Hill Industrial Estate to remain open three days per week, Friday to Sunday, were approved by East Sussex County Council.

This came further to the initial proposal to close the site all together seeing an 8,700 strong, signed petition submitted to ESCC opposing the proposal.

East Sussex County Council are unable to confirm a date that the changes will take effect as negotiations are still in process between the County Council and Veolia.

### Seaford Museum:

Since the end of May the lease with Seaford Museum has progressed well. At the Council meeting on 19 June the Council discussed a request from the Museum to have the Council cover the cost of the buildings insurance for Martello Tower. It was decided that the Council would cover this.

Before finalising the lease, the Museum has stated that they wish to be registered as a charity.

At the meeting the Mayor, Cllr Mark Brown, gave a public apology on behalf of the Council to the Chairman of Seaford Museum & Heritage Society for the way in which the lease has been handled previously.



Martello Tower in front of Seaford Head.

### Hurdis House:

At the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 1 May, it was approved that the Council change its policy on the future of Hurdis House and consider continuing to rent out the property to new tenants.

This process is ongoing. There are unresolved issues with the tenant of the ground and lower ground floors that are continuing to be worked on. Approval will need to be sought from the Finance & General Purposes Committee before new tenants are in place for the second and third floors.

The Rotary Clock outside Hurdis House is due to be repaired. A works order has been placed with Smiths of Derby and we expect the work to be carried out by September.

## BUILDINGS



# HOT TOPICS

## SALTS RECREATION GROUND

Seaford Town Council are aware that currently, due to the removal of equipment, the play area at The Salts is not as well equipped as it should be.

Following the first stage of public consultation towards the end of 2013, a development plan was produced for the whole site; this took into account all sports and activities at The Salts as well as highlighting many of the aspirations for the future.

The development plan allows us to set out which activities receive attention and much needed funding first. The children's play space is without doubt the first priority and an estimated budget has been considered so that we can soon consult on suitable designs for the play space.

Considering its value to Seaford and the location of the recreation ground and with the prospect of more significant leisure facility options being posed early in 2014, the Iconic Facilities feasibility study was commissioned in partnership with Lewes District Council and Wave Leisure. This feasibility study in conjunction with the development plan now provides the most holistic range of options for the site.

With plans progressing the intended result is; better use of the space, better care, achieving modern standards for play space, sport and recreation; and restoring The Salts as a place that Seaford can be proud of.



A panoramic view of The Salts Recreational Ground

## SEAFORD LIBRARY

East Sussex County Council has advised that the new facility on Sutton Park Road will be opening on Tuesday 26 August 2014. This is an innovative development which will bring a new library and services for older people under one roof

The temporary library on Blatchington Road will be closing on 2 August to allow for the books and resources to be transferred to the new building.

At the centre of the development will be a café, for which East Sussex County Council is currently looking for an operator, and other facilities include meeting rooms, interactive screens, a teen area, a study room and a roof terrace.

Seaford Town Council, at its meeting on 19 June, appointed a Councillor Linda Lord to support the Library with the design and installation of outside seating.



# HOT TOPICS

## SPLASHPOINT

Seaford Town Council and Lewis District Council have recently been working closely to organise repairs to Splash Point in Seaford. This will make it accessible to the public once again following damage during storms earlier in the year. Whilst neither Council owns the facility it was deemed to be a project in need of public funds as it is so well used by local residents and visitors alike.

Both Councils agreed to donate £10,000 to the project. The contract was awarded to local company C J Thorne & Co Ltd of Uckfield on 26 June. A company that have undertaken similar projects in Brighton and Eastbourne.

It is expected that all the work will be completed within the next six weeks or even sooner.



## DEPUTY YOUNG MAYOR

In June the Mayor, Cllr Mark Brown, and Young Mayor, Millie Hemsley, gave talks at three school assemblies with regards to holding elections for a Deputy Young Mayor.

Cllr Brown is working directly with Seaford Head School to arrange the elections with a view to having a Deputy Young Mayor appointed before the end of the school term at the end of July.

Once appointed, an announcement will be made.

## Lewes District Citizens Advice Bureau launches access online

Lewes District Citizens Advice Bureau is part of an email Gateway Project to help people to access advice online. From 2 June 2014 you will be able to visit their website at [www.lewescab.org.uk](http://www.lewescab.org.uk) and follow the link to 'Online Advice' on the advice page using the icon. You will be able to access online information to help you resolve your problem, or you can submit an enquiry using the web forms. The bureau may respond by sending links to relevant information, by phone or by arranging an appointment.

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The five bureaux that make up Citizens Advice East Sussex have worked together to create this new online contact system which will be rolled out across East Sussex. The bureaux aim to increase access to advice for clients across the county, Jackie Wilkes, manager of Lewes District CAB welcomes the new service, "With the number of people online today and advances in technology, email access seems to be a natural progression for the bureau. It will help us to improve access for our clients, being particularly useful for people in full-time employment, for those with mobility and hearing issues, or for anyone else having difficulty accessing advice". Jackie Wilkes — 01273 477924.

## TOWN COUNCIL STAFF UPDATES

### **Administration Assistant (Facilities) - Rachel Beard**

Congratulations to Rachel who was promoted to the position of Administration Assistant (Facilities) despite having only started with the Council in January as an Apprentice Administration Assistant. The Council were sad to say goodbye to Gemma Hamilton who previous held the post but wished her the best of luck with the future. Rachel took over the role at the start of May and is already proving herself an asset to the Council.

### **Apprentice Administration Assistant - Jasmine Pollard**

Seaford Town Council are pleased to welcome Jasmine Pollard as the new Apprentice Administration Assistant. Jasmine is very much enjoying being part of the team and is enthusiastic about learning more as she settles into her role.

### **Town Clerk**

A joint press release was made on 1 July 2014 as agreed on 25 June by Seaford Town Council and Samantha Shippen, Seaford Town Clerk.

'The confidential investigation process at the Town Council has now concluded. The Town Council and Mrs Shippen have now had an opportunity to meet and discuss the findings. Both the Council and Mrs Shippen accept that the matters under investigation are complex, deep-seated and difficult to resolve. To enable both the Council and Mrs Shippen to move on from the situation Mrs Shippen has offered her resignation which the Council has accepted.

The Council and Mrs Shippen consider the matter closed and will be making no further comment. The Council wishes Mrs Shippen well in the future and to thank her for the positive contributions she has made to the Town Council.'

## TOWN COUNCIL STAFF

Town Clerk—vacant (Interim Town Clerk, James Corrigan)

Support Services Manager—Lucy Clark

Projects & Facilities Manager—Ben King

Admin Assistant (Finance) - Elizabeth Harvey

Admin Assistant (Facilities) - Rachel Beard

PA to the Town Clerk—Georgia Raeburn

Apprentice Admin Assistant—Jasmine Pollard

Head Greenkeeper—Nick Stephens

Deputy Head Greenkeeper—Simon Lambert

Assistant Greenkeeper—Chris Walsh

Apprentice Greenkeeper—Robert Sewell

Golf Professional—Fraser Morley





## MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE

June 2014

On the evening of the 26th June the Mayor's Civic Service was held at Seaford Baptist Church. It was attended by himself, the Mayoress, the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, several of our Councillors, Millie Hemsley Young Mayor, James Corrigan Interim Town Clerk, the Mayor of Peacehaven, the Mayor of Telscombe, dignitaries from other councils and family and friends of the Mayor.

The light-hearted service was led by Reverend Vicky Martin with readings by Councillor Terry Goodman and Laurie Holland. At the end of the service a collection of £164.52 was received for the Mayor's two charities; WAVES and Seahaven Storehouse.



Mayor Brown celebrating with fellow dignitaries, family and friends

## ARMED FORCES DAY

June 2014

An open event was held on the 28th June on Martello Fields for Seahaven Veterans and Armed Forces.

'Armed Forces Day' is an annual, national campaign that gives everybody the opportunity to show their support for all those servicemen and women of the Armed Forces, past and present, including current serving troops, service families, reservists, veterans and cadets.

An abundance of people came to enjoy the entertainment along with various stalls and rides organized together by Seaford Town Council in partnership with The Royal Society of St George (Seahaven Branch). The day kicked off with a performance from the Seaford Rock 'n' Jazz Orchestra which ended as the yearly parade of the Local Veterans and Cadets began, followed by an inspection.

There were demonstrations throughout the day. The Fantastic Four Flyball Team showed off their tricks, the Cadets displayed their skills, there was a lovely dance performance from the girls of local dance school Stardance, Seaford Lifeguards showed everyone a thing or two about what they do to keep us safe and there was an Elvis Tribute performance from Rob Willis who ended the day energising the crowd in full period attire.

We are very thankful for all who turned up on the day and supported the cause, all of those who performed and to each and every stall holder and those who volunteered their time to help for making the day a fantastic success. We hope that next years event will be as good as, if not better than this years.







Seaford Town Council is delighted to offer the venue for hire at a very reasonable cost for exhibitors and community groups with prices currently at a fixed rate.



Exhibiting space within the Gallery.

The website can be found at: [www.thecryptgallery.com](http://www.thecryptgallery.com) and they have Facebook and Twitter accounts.

For more details or booking enquiries please contact Rachel Beard on 01323 894870 or email [crypt@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:crypt@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Last Minute Artists—look out for their next event on the Arts@theCrypt notice board!**

Last Minute Artists is run by a group of six artists who organise weekend pop-up galleries at the Crypt on a voluntary basis for the benefit of artists and residents alike.

## FUTURE EVENTS

# Waves

## PICNIC AND FUN DAY

**TUESDAY 29TH JULY 10:30-2PM**  
**THE SALTS RECREATIONAL GROUND**

**Nursery Rhyme Themed Fancy Dress Competition**

To be judged by the Mayor and Mayoress of Seaford. For under 7s and 7+ years.

**Entry Fee**  
**50p**





## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**July - October 2014**

Committee Meetings are to be held on the following dates at 7.00pm:

<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
<u>Thursday 17</u> Planning & Highways	<u>Thursday 7</u> Planning & Highways	<u>Tuesday 2</u> Golf	<u>Thursday 9</u> Planning & Highways
<u>Thursday 24</u> Community Services	<u>Thursday 14</u> Finance & General Purposes	<u>Thursday 18</u> Planning & Highways	<u>Thursday 16</u> Finance & General Purposes
	<u>Thursday 21</u> Full Council	<u>Thursday 25</u> Community Services	<u>Thursday 23</u> Full Council
	<u>Thursday 28</u> Planning & Highways		<u>Thursday 30</u> Planning & Highways

Members of the public are welcomed to attend the meetings. Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found on the Council's website [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or can be collected from the Council offices by contacting a member of staff on 01323 894 870.

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## 2014 IN PHOTOS



Councillors and Volunteers at the 150th rail Anniversary



The steam train Oliver Cromwell at the 150th Rail Anniversary



Seaford Head Golf Club which is currently under construction



Deputy Mayor Terry Goodman along with CTLA representatives at Newhaven Lifeboat Fete



Military Vehicles at Armed Forces Day



Veterans and Cadets holding flags at Armed Forces Day

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