## Seaford Town Council

# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

## MAYOR'S LETTER



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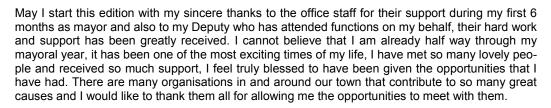


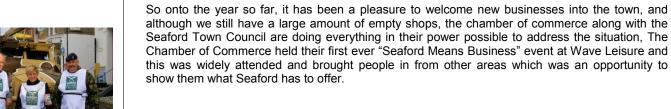


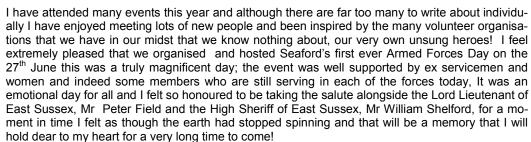


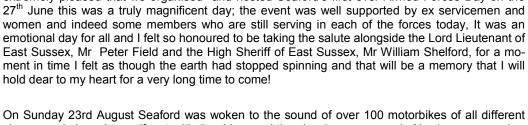


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shapes and sizes. I myself met with the riders and the classic car owners in Newhaven never before have I ever seen such a sight and I can't describe the emotions that I went through, it was a fantastic sight and I appreciated the fact that so many people had come out to support the event. I had the privilege to lead the ride along the A259 to Seaford, people came out to support the event clapping and cheering as we rode past - truly a wonderful sight. I am already working on event number two as with the armed forces day I hope it will be bigger and better next year.

#### MAYORS LETTER CONTINUED......

I have taken part in World Sight Day which involved me being blindfolded and led through the town, I was well supported by the Lions and especially Bill Yoxall who was my perfect set of eyes for the duration of the walk. This was a very worthwhile experience and once completed I was met by the staff at and users at Seeability in Seaford who very kindly gave me a guided tour, the staff and the users of the facility were very kind and may I congratulate them on such a wonderful job.

The launch of SeafordLive! was well attended and a great success, I managed to attend a few of the venues and it was great to see so many people of the town enjoying themselves and supporting the charities, the charities chosen were Chestnut Tree House and the Lifeguards, two very worth while causes, I was also pleased to be able to attend the cheque presentation a great ending to a very successful SeafordLive! 2009.

I was please to attend various events involving the Sea Cadets, I am always so happy to see the young cadets being put through their paces, they never fail to amaze me with the dedication and determination to always go that extra mile, the presentation of awards by the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex went very well and the certificates for the poppy collection was totally inspiring as each cadet had put in endless amounts of volunteering work to collect for this very worthwhile cause.

Remembrance Sunday was a very emotional and well supported event this year the weather did not dampen the spirits of the towns folk, and it is an event that I feel is growing in numbers every year, it is always a sad day and one of reflection but one I feel should always be remembered.

I have had an opportunity to meet with our four Primary schools in a 'Meet the Mayor' session, these were very inspiring visits and I was made to feel most welcome by the schools. The purpose of the visit was for the children to ask questions about the role of the mayor I must say some interesting questions were asked and although I don't have the budget to deal with all the things they want, I will try my best!

Most recently I have attended an open day at Chestnut Tree House in Worthing, this is the only children's hospice in the whole of East and West Sussex, this is a hospice for families with life limited children, the staff are truly dedicated to this cause, they rely very heavily on donations and it needs a whopping 2 million pounds before anything else gets taken into consideration, this is a very much needed facility and I would hope that as many people that can will support it.

So, as we are nearing Christmas and getting ready to celebrate the festivities, I look forward to seeing and meeting as many of our towns people as possible, the council continues to work hard for the benefit of all and continue to fight for the much needed facilities, I am looking forward to what the next six months of my mayoral year will bring and I also look forward to representing as many organisations as possible.

Thank you one and all for the tremendous support you have given me, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Councillor Tracy Willis

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

You are welcome to attend Council Meetings which usually take place at the Council Offices at 37, Church Street, Seaford. Agendas and minutes of previous meetings can be found at the Tourist Information Centre at the same address or on the council website at www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Occasionally parts of meetings may be held in-camera when personal or sensitive information is being discussed. The public have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.

## The next Council meetings are:

Planning and Highways:

Finance and General Purpose:

Community Services:

Full Council Meeting:

Golf Course:

6.15pm on Thursday 10th December 2009

7.pm on Thursday 14th January 2010

7.pm on Thursday 21st January 2010

6.15pm on Tuesday 2nd March 2010

## STAFF CHANGES AT STC



In November, Mike Wright retired after 9 years working for Seaford Town Council. Mike joined the Council in 2001 after previously leading the Trading Standards Department for the London Borough of Wandsworth.

As Administration Manager he has fulfilled a number of roles including taking minutes of Council Meetings and as the Honorary Secretary of the Seaford Head Nature Reserve. Mike has a keen interest in natural history and was also responsible for conserving Seaford's trees.

He intends to spend his retirement in his garden with his wife Jenny and volunteering at the Spa Valley preserved railway.

A new member of staff joined the Council in August. Kevin Gordon, a retired British Transport Police officer will be known to many readers as he previously worked part-time in the Tourist Information Office at Seaford and writes a weekly history item for one of the local newspapers. Kevin will work as the secretary to the Mayor and will also undertake general admin duties.

# LOCAL CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM REVENUE GRANTS

A total of £4,400 was provided by Seaford Town Council to local causes as part of the local revenue grant scheme. Grants between £50 and £500 were awarded to 32 local organisations including the Sussex Air Ambulance and the Seaford Lifeguards who ensure that Seaford people and visitors are kept safe when they visit Seaford.

Charities representing both younger and older residents were supported as well as musical charities such as the Seaford Silver Band and Seaford Music Society.

£100 grant was given to the Friends of Tide-Mills and their chairman, Jim Skinner thanked the council saying "This grant goes towards providing litter-pickers and refuse sacks so that our members can continue to to provide a monthly beach-clean at this important part of our coast"

## STAFFING STRUCTURE REVIEWED

Seaford Town Council has reviewed its staffing structure to reflect its current and future needs better. The posts of Administration Manager and Responsible Finance Officer will be replaced by a Corporate Services Manager who will be responsible for the finance & accounting and office management functions; whilst a Projects and Facilities Manager will look after the Council's land and assets and develop projects.

In the next financial year administration staff will work additional hours to assist in the development of services.

Councillor Jon Freeman, Leader of the Council said "Seaford Town Council has recently begun a Vision Planning process by prioritising the development needs of assets, the new staffing structure will ensure we have the staff in place to deliver our plans"

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS-For Further details contact the Tourist Information Centre at 37, Church Street

4th December	6.pm	Christmas Lights switched on at the War Memorial by the Mayor
5th December	7.30pm	Seaford Choral Society Concert at St Leonard's Church
11th December	7.pm	Seaford Museum Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church
13th December	3.pm	Homelink Carol Concert at St Thomas More Church
15th December	7.45pm	Mayor's Carol Concert at St Leonard's Church.
17th December	7.pm	Seaford Town Council Finance & General Purpose Committee Meeting
19th December	7.pm	"Get Vocal" Annual Christmas Show at the Little Theatre

2010 Dates for your Diary

31st May 2010 Lioness Carnival—Martello Fields

27th June 2010 Armed Forces Day

18th July 2010 Seaford Family Fun Day

30th July to 1st August 2010 Seaford Live! at Martello Fields

14th August 2010 Seaford Triathlon

#### SEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

(A leaflet is also available listing all councillors with their direct contact details.)

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		BN25 2RU
Mr R Bennett	Mrs R Collict	
15 Kingsway, Seaford, BN25 2NE	7 Balmoral Close, Seaford, BN25 3DF	Mr L Holland
		4 Beacon Close, Seaford, BN25 2JZ
Mr P Bower	Mr J Freeman	
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