



# Seaford Town Council

## Spring 2015/16 Newsletter



Photo courtesy of Mark Glassman

Welcome to the Spring 2015/16 Edition of Seaford Town Council's Newsletter!

Depicted above are the stunning bluebells that have made a return to Seaford Head Golf Course; the Seaford in Bloom scheme that is blossoming again in time for Summer and the return for the fifth year running of the Mayor's Open Garden Trail, raising funds for the Mayor's chosen charities (full story on page 15).



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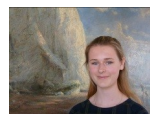
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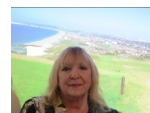
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# Spring 2015/16 Edition

As Summer arrives the Council wanted to provide a highlight of its activities from the first quarter of 2016.

Spring is always a busy time in the Council offices as budgets are set, the Accounts are closed for the end of the Financial Year, preparations are well underway for the events over the coming year and the Annual Meeting is held with the election of the new Mayor of Seaford (see overleaf for more details).

This edition of the newsletter features updates on the much talked about Seaford Neighbourhood Plan, the ongoing projects of the Council, the recently held Annual Town Forum, the prestigious Mayor's and Young Mayor's Awards and many other insights in to the Council's activities.

If there are any questions regarding any of the content of the newsletter, please contact the Council office.

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# 2016-2017 Mayoral Appointments

On 12<sup>th</sup> May Seaford Town Council held its Annual Meeting, a meeting held every year in May to carry out certain required business including the appointment of a new Mayor for the town.



Above: The Mayor of Seaford, Young Mayor of Seaford and Deputy Mayor of Seaford, celebrating taking office!

The Council is pleased to announce that Councillor Lindsay Freeman was appointed as Mayor of Seaford for this coming Municipal Year. Councillor Freeman is now in her second year of office as a Town Councillor but did also serve a four year term back in 2003-2007, so has a good sound knowledge of Seaford and how the Council operates.

Councillor Dave Argent who has carried out the role of Mayor of Seaford for the past year handed over the Mayoral Chain and was thanked for all his hard work, dedication and achievements during his time in the Mayoral office. The Council also extended its thanks and recognition to the former Mayoress, Mrs Marian Argent, for all the support she gave the Mayor during his service.

In reaction to her election, Councillor Freeman said *"When I first came to Seaford to study to become a Home Economics teacher, little did I think that years later I would become Mayor. Seaford became my home and although I moved away, I kept returning and have lived here since 1982. It's an honour to be elected as Mayor and I will do the best I can for the whole Town."*

Mayor Freeman has announced her chosen charities for the coming year as Waifs & Strays Dog Rescue, who take in and rehome unwanted dogs, and the RNLI, a national charity with a lifeboat stationed in Newhaven, they not only save and rescue lives at sea but also provide vital education and safety awareness lessons. The Mayor will be fundraising for these two life-changing charities over the coming year and helping raise awareness of the work both charities do.

Also at the Annual Meeting, Councillor Carol Campbell was elected as Deputy Mayor to deputise for the Mayor in their absence and also attend events and functions alongside. Councillor Campbell is also in her second year of office as a Town Councillor and as the Chairman of the Community Services Committee, has a real passion for maintaining and improving the town of Seaford for its residents and visitors alike.

At this meeting Jessica Batchelor was announced as Young Mayor of Seaford for the forthcoming Municipal Year, having acted as Deputy to former Young Mayor Gabrielle Edwards. Jessica has some exciting ideas for ensuring the youth of the town have a voice at Town Council level and feel represented. Jessica is also a member of the National Youth Parliament and Youth Cabinet. Jessica has announced that over the coming year she will be raising money to fund a Public Access Defibrillator for the town.

Watch out for announcements regarding the Mayor's and Young Mayor's upcoming events as the new Mayoral appointments get underway in office!

## 2016-2017 Mayor's Charities:

More information is available on the charities at

[www.waifsandstraysdogrescue.co.uk](http://www.waifsandstraysdogrescue.co.uk)

[www.rnli.org](http://www.rnli.org)



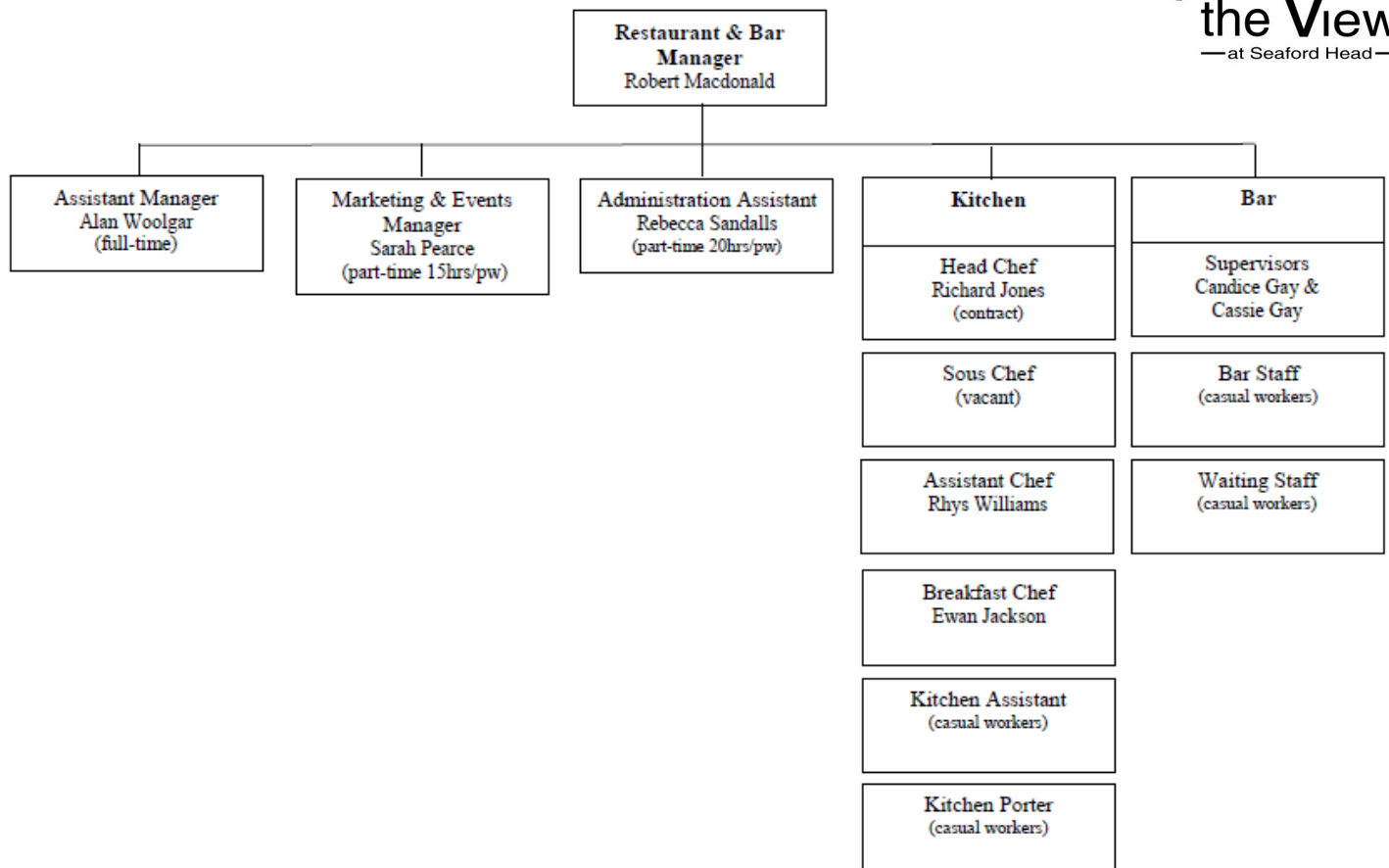
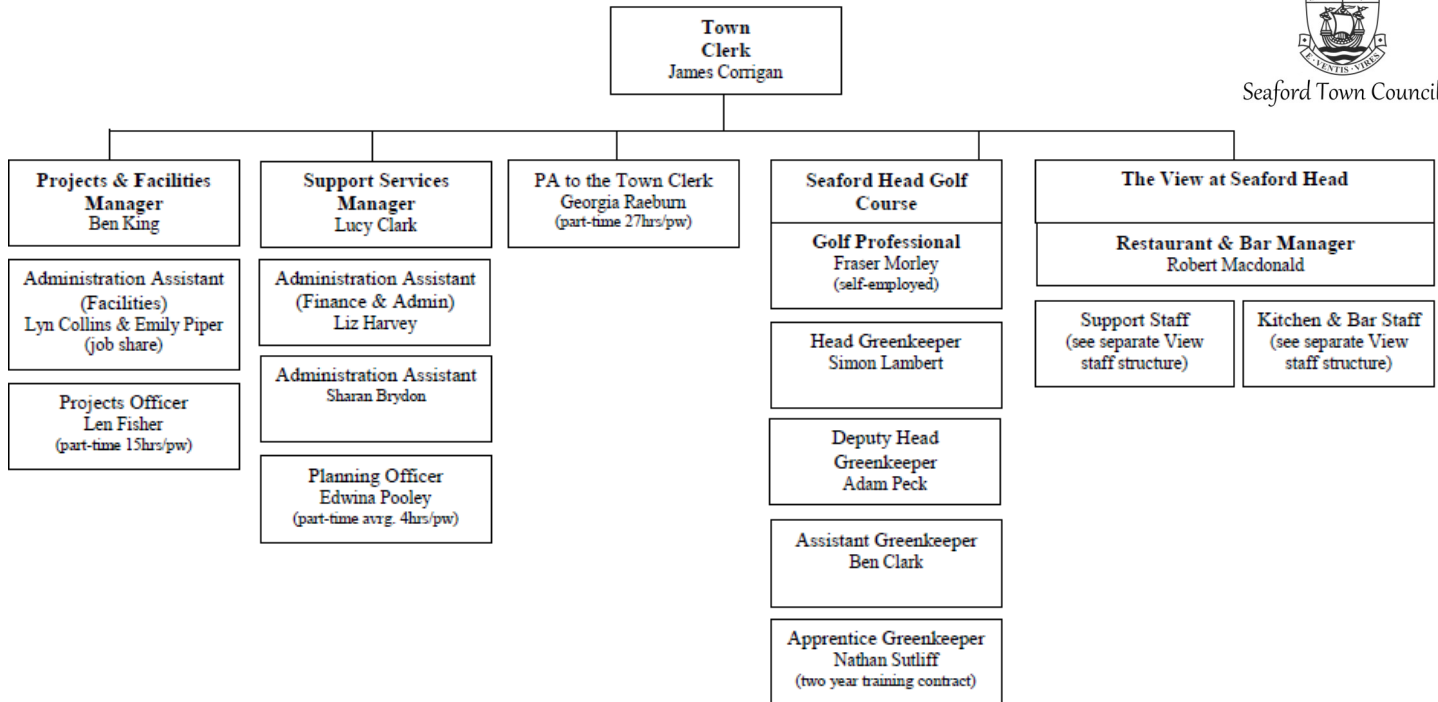


# Council Staffing Update

The Council has recently been on a successful recruitment drive and is pleased to have new members of staff on board, who are settling in well. The recruitment has been in line with new staffing structures which reflect the development and growth of the Council, in particular with regards to The View, and help streamline activities and operations.



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# Seaford Neighbourhood Plan

## How is the Plan progressing?

Seaford Town Council agreed to work on the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan in November 2015, since then Action In Rural Sussex (AiRS) has been commissioned by the Town Council to facilitate a Neighbourhood Plan for the Town.

The first stage in this process was a drop in public meeting held on 20th April. At the meeting AiRS covered how the plan will develop going forwards, interacted with those members of public present on what they see in the future for the Town and answered general questions about the plan and process.

The next significant stage was the delivery of a Neighbourhood Housing Survey to every household in the town. These sought to gain residents views on housing within the town, areas of the town that they feel are of importance and developments in the town they would like to see. The survey responses will be collated and analysed by AiRS.

## What is the next stage?

On from this, AiRS and the Seaford Town Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be able to work on the draft vision and objectives of the town, based on the survey responses. The public will then be asked their opinion once again on the draft vision and can get actively involved throughout the process.

## More Information:

The Steering Group has created a Facebook Group which can be found at [www.facebook.com/groups/1597954787196878/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1597954787196878/) or by searching 'Seaford Town Neighbourhood Plan' on Facebook; join the group to stay up to date with developments.

You can also visit the Group's website at [www.seafordnp.uk/index.php](http://www.seafordnp.uk/index.php) for regular updates on the progress of the Plan.

The Steering Group can be contacted by email at [seafordnp@gmail.com](mailto:seafordnp@gmail.com)



## Other Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood Plans adopted by Lewes District Council, giving both towns and their residents a key involvement with the future development and preservation of the towns. Both plans and details of other plans underway can be found on Lewes District Council's website at [www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/19084.asp](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/19084.asp)

Other local towns within the Lewes District are also working on Neighbourhood Plans. Both Ringmer and Newick have had

## Interested in getting involved with the Neighbourhood Plan for Seaford?

Contact Faustina Bayo, Community Development Officer, at Action in Rural Sussex on 01273 407 320 or by email at [faustina.bayo@ruralsussex.gov.uk](mailto:faustina.bayo@ruralsussex.gov.uk)

# Projects Update

**The Salts** Further works began at The Salts play area in April and are anticipated to take approximately four weeks. Currently negotiations are also taking place in relation to safety surfacing.

In order to establish new turf or soil and seed this may require certain parts of the space to remain fenced off for a suitable period following the completion of the works.

There are also additional works that are being negotiated with the view of enhancing the play space further in time for the peak season over Summer.

The Council is aware that the longevity of this project has been an inconvenience to the users of the play space but expects that it will not be long before the space is fully open and able to be enjoyed by children and families!

**Seaford Head Estate** Cliff Safety became a higher priority in March following the report of an imminent cliff fall where a large crack was seen in a section of cliff leading up to Seaford Head. An assessment was made of the potential fall and actions to inform and divert walkers were put in place when the hazard was reported. A further assessment will soon be taking place to consider more permanent solutions along the section of cliff top that has been affected. Further Signage and Way marking will also be introduced in both directions along the route to ensure clear information and guidance is provided for visitors to the area.

**Seaford Town Guide** The 2016 Seaford Town Guide was published earlier this year and delivered to every household in the town. If anyone has any feedback on the Guide, please send this through to the Council for consideration in the 2017 Guide. Council Officers are also looking at the option of creating a Tourism Guide for the town as a sister publication.

**South Hill Barn** Recent additions have been made at South Hill Barn, with the installation of four memorial seats and a Picnic Bench. The works are part of a range of enhancements proposed for the area around the Barn in order to provide some further enjoyment and some seating options for visitors to the area.

Additional work has been undertaken adjacent to the seating in order to control some of the scrub land in the area.

Further plans include the installation of another area similar in size to the seating installed, as well as enhancements around the barn and improvements that will assist the planned catering concession in providing more comfortable space for visitors.



**Library Seating** East Sussex County Council's Seaford Library Seating Project is nearly complete with the recent installation of the new bench. Seaford Town Council had an involvement in the project and made a financial contribution towards the piece and is scheduled to take over future maintenance. An Arts Council grant was also successfully sought by County Council towards this and similar projects in Newhaven and Hastings. The winning design was that by Peter Yarwood; a sculptor and fine artist.



# 2016 Town Forum

## The bells rang out at Seaford's Town Forum as the Town Crier was presented with the Don Mabey Award!

Over 140 members of public attended Seaford's Annual Town Forum to see the Mayor's Awards, Young Mayor's Awards and presentations from local community groups and charities.

The 2016 Town Forum, hosted by Seaford Town Council, took place at The View at Seaford Head on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May and was abuzz with atmosphere as the event kicked off.

The recently elected Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Lindsay Freeman, welcomed all those in attendance to the event and started the proceedings. Presentations were made by the local groups and charities that had received large financial grants from the Council in the last year. The presentations ranged from verbal updates and participation from the audience to a lively video featuring the spectacular 2015 Seaford Bonfire Night!

On behalf of all those in attendance, the Council offered thanks to those that presented; Citizen's Advice Bureau, Community Transport for the Lewes Area, Seaford Allotments & Leisure Garden Society, Seaford Bonfire Society, Seaford Community Events Committee, Seaford Musical Theatre & SMT Juniors, St Wilfrid's Hospice, Waves Seaford Ltd and SeeAbility.

All the presentations were informative sessions and helped raise understanding and awareness of how these vital grants can really change people's lives and improve the town of Seaford.

During the event presentations were also made to the former Mayor's and Young Mayor's chosen charities of the funds raised throughout the past year. Councillor Argent was thrilled to be able to present both CTLA and Seaford Lifeguards with a cheque for £1,033 each and Gabrielle Edwards raised a fantastic £450 for Teddy Treats Children's Charity.

Also present were those groups and charities in receipt of small grants, who had taken the time to arrange display stands letting people know more about what they do and with literature to give out. Again, the Council thanks those organisations; Cuckmere Community Bus Ltd, Downs 60 + Club, East Blatchington Pond Conservation, Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Fund, Mercread Youth Centre, National Coastwatch Institution (Newhaven), Seaford & Bishopstone Neighbourhood Watch Association, Seaford Museum & Heritage Society and Seaford Silver Band.

Top Right : Former Young Mayor, Gabrielle Edwards, presenting a cheque to her chosen charity, Teddy Treats Children's Charity.

Bottom Right Former Mayor, Councillors Dave Argent, presenting cheques to his chosen charities, CTLA and Seaford Lifeguards.





# 2016 Town Forum



Above: Former Mayor, Councillor Argent, presenting the Annual Don Mabey award to Seaford's Town Crier, Peter White.

outstanding service to the town, was presented to Seaford's Town Crier and Sergeant at Mace, Peter White. Alongside his various other voluntary commitments and responsibilities, Peter is probably most recognised for donning his regalia and bell and spreading the news and updates in the streets of Seaford as Town Crier. Seaford is fortunate to have such an active Town Crier and one that is now in his 40<sup>th</sup> year of Crying, having first been appointed in 1977!

The minutes and photos of the event are available on the Town Council's website at [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or updates can always be found on the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages, search Seaford Town Council and link to it for the latest news.

The Town Council wishes to thank all those that attended the event, gave presentations and took part, and offer its congratulations to those well-deserved award winners!



Above: Former Young Mayor, Gabrielle Edwards, addressing the meeting with the back drop of the view at The View.

Attendees were also able to hear about the Strategic Objectives recently adopted by the Council and how the Council is working towards achieving these, including sustaining and improving the economic wellbeing of the town, its environment and recreational facilities, meeting the needs of the community and practising good governance.

The evening then moved on to the Annual Awards; the former Mayor, Councillor Dave Argent, and former Young Mayor, Gabrielle Edwards, were both thrilled to be able to announce their awards. The Mayor's Awards went to individuals that have helped support and enrich the town; Zena Gibbs, Tony Delaney, Robert Peedle MBE TD and Keith Blackburn.

The Young Mayor's Awards went to Hannah Bearns-Lowles (Child of Courage), Aimee Eaton (Young Community Champion), James Searle (Contribution to the Arts) and Joshua and Bethany Philips (Young Carer). Special mention also goes to the others nominees; Dom Avey, Patrick Brackenridge, Lily Harman, Faye Hunter, Liam Jacques, Edward Norman and Ben Woodward.

The Annual Don Mabey award, awarded to individuals for

# What's Next For the Council?

As well as the day to day management of its facilities, services and governance, the Council also aspires to undertake projects to better the town for both its residents and visitors. These projects cover a variety of areas; below are some in which Council officers are focussing over the coming months:



To stay up to date with the activity within the Council please sign up to its email updates by contacting [admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or follow its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/seaford.town.council](https://www.facebook.com/seaford.town.council)

The Council's website is also regularly updated with news and updates, visit [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Council also regularly receives updates at its Committee meetings on project development, which can be read in the agendas and reports of the meetings, also on the Council's website.



# Public Meetings

All Council and Committee meetings are open for members of the public to come along and watch the proceedings or even get involved in if you have a point you wish to raise (providing it is relating to an item on the agenda). You do not need to inform the Council before you attend, please just come along and watch your local Town Council in action.

## Further Information?

All agendas, reports and minutes of meetings are available on the Council's website at [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Minutes-amp3b-Agendas.aspx](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Minutes-amp3b-Agendas.aspx)

## When and Where?

All meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Council Chambers at 37 Church Street, except the Golf Committee meetings that are held at The View at Seaford Head Golf Course. The dates of the meetings are set out below:

### May (2016/17 Municipal Year)

Thurs 12 - Council AGM

Thurs 19 - Planning & Highways

Tues 24 - Town Meeting

### June

Thurs 9 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 16 - Community Services

Tues 21—Council

Tues 28 - Golf & The View

Thurs 30 - Planning & Highways

### July

Thurs 7 - Finance

Thurs 21 - Planning & Highways

### August

Thurs 11 - Planning & Highways

### September

Thurs 1 - Planning & Highways

Tues 6 - Golf

Thurs 15 - Community Services

Thurs 22 - Planning & Highways

### October

Thurs 6 - Finance

Thurs 13 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 20 - Council

### November

Thurs 11 - Planning & Highways

### December

Thurs 1 - Planning & Highways

Tues 6 - Golf

Thurs 15 - Community Services

Thurs 22 - Planning & Highways

### January

Thurs 6 - Finance

Thurs 13 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 20 - Council

### February

Thurs 2 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 9 - Community Services

Thurs 23 - Planning & Highways

Tues 28 - Golf

### March

Thurs 16 - Planning & Highways

Tues 23 - Finance

### April

Thurs 6 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 20 - Council

Thurs 27 - Planning & Highways

# Photography Competition



Seaford Town Council is keen to engage the help of amateur photographers in the promotion of our unique town in its publications, showcasing all it has to offer.

At the beginning of each month a particular location will be announced as the subject for that month's competition. Submissions should be stunning images that portray the very essence of Seaford. They will be posted monthly on the Council's Facebook page so that visitors to the page will be able to vote for the best one.

The winner of each month's competition will receive a complimentary meal for two, with a bottle of wine, at The View. The runner-up will receive breakfast for two. Each month the winning entries will be displayed on the Seaford Town Council's website and Facebook page, and at The View.

The first run of the competition was held in May, with the theme of Seaford Seafront. Some stunning entries were received, portraying a variety of different perspectives and angles of the unique bay of Seaford. Receiving 53 votes the winning photo, submitted by Jamie Jasper, was this wonderfully atmospheric photo portraying a social evening on Seaford beach, enjoying an alfresco dinner as the sun sets:



The runner-up, with a very close 52 votes, was a breath-taking shot of a rather tempestuous looking Seaford Bay, submitted by David Garner:



## June 2016 Competition:

The theme for June has been announced as **South Hill Barn**



A hidden gem full of future potential, the Council is excited to be looking at ways in which to develop this site and create a real asset and attraction for those visiting the Seaford Head Estate.

Entries should be emailed to [admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) by midnight on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Some rules of the competition: Photographs should be at a resolution of 300 dpi. By entering the competition, photographers will be giving their permission for Seaford Town Council to use any of the images submitted in its future publications. The photographer's work will be credited. The competition is not open to commercial photographers. Seaford Town Council reserves the right to only publish a limited number of photographs where a large number might be submitted by one person.

The Council look forward to receiving some outstanding entries and wishes everyone the best of luck!



# 2016 Outdoor Events

The events diary for 2016 will continue to get busier as the year progresses but at the moment here are some dates for diary...

## JUNE

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th -  
Jay Miller's Circus MF  
Sunday 5th -  
Mayor's Open Garden Trail  
Sunday 12th -  
Rotary Club Boot Fair MF  
Sunday 12th -  
Sussex Day Celebrations MT  
Sat 18th/Sun 19th -  
UK Triathlon MT  
Saturday 25th -  
Seahaven Veterans & Armed  
Forces Day MF  
Sunday 26th -  
Motorfest (Seaford Community  
Events Committee) MF

## JULY

Sunday 3rd -  
Rotary Club Boot Fair MF  
Sunday 17th -  
Scouts Boot Fair MF



Seahaven Veterans & Armed Forces Day Parade; photo by Luella Rolph.

## AUGUST

Sunday 7th -  
Rotary Club Boot Fair MF  
Sunday 14th -  
Scouts Boot Fair MF  
Saturday 20th -  
Waifs & Strays Dog Show MF  
Sunday 28th -  
Donkey Derby (Lions Club) MF

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th -  
Rotary Club Boot Fair MF  
Sunday 11th -  
Scouts Boot Fair MF

## OCTOBER

Sunday 2nd -  
Rotary Club Boot Fair MF  
Sunday 9th -  
Scouts Boot Fair MF  
Saturday 15th -  
Seaford Bonfire Night (Seaford  
Bonfire Society) MF

## NOVEMBER

Tuesday 8th -  
Remembrance Day Service  
(Royal British Legion) SC  
Sunday 13th -  
Remembrance Sunday (Royal  
British Legion) WM

## DECEMBER

Saturday 3rd -  
Seaford Christmas Magic (STC &  
Seaford Chamber of Commerce)

MF Martello Fields  
TV The View at Seaford Head  
MT Martello Tower  
SRG Salts Recreation Ground  
WM Sutton Park Road War Memorial  
SC Seaford Cemetery

For more details on the events either organised by the Council or held on Council property, please visit:  
[www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) and find the What's On page. Or for details of more events across Seaford:  
[www.seafordcommunityeventscommittee.co.uk](http://www.seafordcommunityeventscommittee.co.uk)

# Seaford Head Golf Course

## Golfing:

Summer hours have started at the Golf Course with the Course open for tee bookings from 5am for those wishing to get out for an early 18 holes before stopping in at the Pro Shop and then The View for a well earned breakfast.

Lessons are also available for golfers of all abilities, whether beginners or well experienced; with indoor training facilities and outdoor putting areas, they are able to cater for any tuition requests.

## Summer Swing Membership:

Unlimited views, unlimited fun, unlimited golf \* for £42 per month!

At Seaford Head Golf Club they understand that sometimes life gets in the way of many things, but health, happiness and golf shouldn't be among them. With that in mind they are launching the Summer Swing offer.

With unlimited golf from 3pm until late every day, the five-month membership will help you make the most of one of the most beautiful courses in the UK. So if you want 360° views across Seaford Bay and the South Downs, a brand new state-of-the-art clubhouse, and one of the largest drops from tee to pin the South, please email the Pro Shop at [seafordheadproshop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:seafordheadproshop@hotmail.co.uk)

## Juniors:

Junior membership (17 and under) has not been capped and with junior lessons on offer the Director of Golf, Fraser Morley, is always available in the Pro Shop to discuss junior golf with parents of budding golfers. Membership is free for 11 year olds and under and just £69 for 12 to 17 years old.

## Greenkeeping:

The Greenkeeping team have seen some recent new recruits and are working together on some improvements to the Course and new working methods to keep the course in the best condition for golfers and its environment. Head Greenkeeper, Simon Lambert, has 15 years experience at Seaford Head and has exciting ideas for the course, some of which are already coming to fruition such as taming of large areas of rough and damage protection to well used areas of the course. Other projects are longer term and will be seen over the coming season such as improvements to bunkers, repositioned tees and works to become GEO Certified (Golf Environment Organisation) showing that the Course is meeting key performance standards with regards to Nature, Water, Energy, Supply Chain, Pollution Control and Community.

More information on the Course is available at [www.seafordheadgolfcourse.co.uk/](http://www.seafordheadgolfcourse.co.uk/)





# Mayor's Annual Open Garden Trail

The new Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Lindsay Freeman, and the local MP, Maria Caulfield, were both present to open the Mayor's Open Garden Trail which has returned for its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

There were nine very different and majestic gardens to view and explore, with teas and light lunches available along the way. A grand raffle was also held, with the winner receiving £100 gardening vouchers and the runner up, £50 to spend in Pomegranate.

Having opened the trail, Mayor Freeman said: *"It was an honour to be asked to support the 5th Seaford Open Garden Trail on Sunday 5th May at Driftwood. Maria Caulfield MP and I opened the Trail at 11am. There were a total of 9 gardens open, some offering teas, coffee and cakes and all so beautiful. I am absolutely thrilled with the amount raised, a total of £2,520.38 for my charities, the RNLI and Waifs & Strays. Thanks to Geoff Stonebanks for all his hard work in organising this and to all those who opened their gardens. It was a lovely day and I am so impressed by all the hard work that went into getting the gardens to look so wonderful, especially in the strong winds for which Seaford is famous!"*



Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Lindsay Freeman, and her consort, husband Nick Freeman, and Former Mayor, Councillor Dave Argent, exploring one of the nine gardens. Photo courtesy of Mark Glassman.

Special thanks must also go to Steve and Sava from Pomegranate for the sponsorship that has enabled the trail to return once again.

Geoff Stonebanks, organiser of the Annual Trail was thrilled with this year's success saying: *"I've been organising this trail on behalf of the Mayor now for 5 years and we've raised over £10,000 for the local charities that have been nominated, but this was by far the best year, both in terms of the weather and the numbers who turned out to see the 9 lovely gardens on show. Thank you so much to all those that did as all the garden owners find it so rewarding to get feedback on their own plots!"*

Over £2,500 was raised in total to be shared between the Mayor's two chosen charities; RNLI Lifeboats and Waifs & Strays Dog Rescue. The Mayor will be continuing to raise funds for the charities over the remainder of the year, in recognition of the invaluable service they provide to the town, but this is a truly overwhelming start to the fundraising so many thanks for to all involved and all who visited the gardens!

Further details on the annual trails are available from the website at [www.mayorsgardentrail.co.uk](http://www.mayorsgardentrail.co.uk)

If you are interested in opening up your garden for the 2017 trail please contact Geoff Stonebanks on [geoffstonebanks@gmail.com](mailto:geoffstonebanks@gmail.com)

Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Lindsay Freeman, and Maria Caulfield MP formally opening the Garden Trail.





# The View at Seaford Head

## Fishy Friday



**Beer battered haddock, chunky chips and peas**

**£10 per person**

**Starts Friday 10th June**

**12noon - 8pm**

**Free Wi-Fi | Free Parking | Open to Everyone**



TheViewAtSeafordHead



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## The most spectacular Views in Seaford

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