



Seaford Town Council

Summer 2018 Newsletter





Mayor's Charity Golf Day

The Mayor of Seaford, Cllr Linda Wallraven is hosting a charity golf day to raise money for Seaford Museum & Heritage Society and Teddy Treats on Friday 21st September at:

Seaford Head Golf Club
Southdown Road
BN25 4JS

For Entries and Enquiries please contact Eddie Martin (Club Secretary) at eddiemartin1950@gmail.com

Tee offs from 8am
£10 for Seaford Head members
£25 for non members
All Day Breakfast included on return
Coffee on arrival
18 holes of golf
Raffle and prizes
Non golfers - £6 for All Day Breakfast





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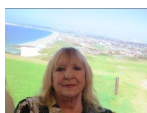
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Dates for your diary...

July

Sat 28 and Sun 29 - UK Triathlon

August

Sun 5 - Rotary Bootfair (pg 5)

Sun 12 - Scouts Boot Fair (pg 5)

September

Sun 2 - Rotary Boot Fair (pg 5)

Sun 9 - Scouts Bootfair (pg 5)

Fri 14 - French Market (pg 5)

October

Sun 7 - Rotary Boot Fair (pg 5)

Sun 14 - Scouts Bootfair (pg 5)

Sat 20 - Seaford Bonfire Night

November

Sun 11 - Remembrance Sunday Parade

Tues 13—West Indian & Canadian Service

December

Sat 1 - Seaford Christmas Magic

Bulletin Board

Flower Power

Next time you are driving through Seaford, take a look at the wildflower patch at St Crispian's corner, it is looking fantastic at the moment, teeming with lots of happy nectar loving insects, providing a much needed habitat. Flowers include alyssum, candytuft and poppies, all perfect for our endangered pollinators; Seaford cemetery also has swathes of wildflowers providing a spectacular display. Both open spaces were sown with an annual wildflower seed mix called "ground cover", the flowers carefully chosen to provide habitat for our insects as well as provide dazzling displays.



The Town Council offers a big thank you to G Burleys for introducing this new feature to the town.



2018 Grants Scheme

Seaford Town Council was pleased to be in a position to run the Annual Grants Scheme again this year, which has resulted in 26 local groups being awarded financial grants, totalling £23,000! These groups all carry out valuable work in the Town and help to make Seaford the special place it is, so these grants will be directly benefitting the residents of Seaford and the town itself. The recipients of the large grants (over £500) were presented their cheques by the Mayor and Chair of Finance (pictured below). See full details on the Council's website at www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/grants.aspx



North Ward By Election 19 April 2018

Due to a former Councillor having to stand down from their voluntary role as Town Councillor, a By-Election was held on Thursday 19 April.

The successful candidate was Councillor Jim Lord.
Find out more about Councillor Lord:

Name: James Haigh Lord (Jim)

Originally From: Bolton, Lancashire

Favourite Author: Peter James

Favourite Film: All Bond films

Favourite Artist: Queen and Adele

Favourite Travel Destination: Europe/GB

Favourite Meal: Curry

Favourite Joke: Any of Ken Dodd's

Which 3 people (past or present) would you invite to a dinner party: Dame Margaret Thatcher, Sir Digby Jones and Dr Fred Dibnah

Interesting/Unknown Facts:

I was a Marathon Runner and am an Amateur Wrestler!

Bulletin Board

Seaford Skatepark Project

Seaford Town Council successfully campaigned to secure £165,000 of

Section 106 funding from the new housing development at Martello Mews opposite the train station. However, this funding does not get paid to Seaford Town Council immediately but instead when the housing development is well progressed. The invoice for payment has recently been issued and payment should be made soon. It was decided to ask local users and Seaford what they want at the skatepark once this funding had been promised and to allow users to choose their preferred skatepark of the three submissions. A preferred design was chosen and Canvas were awarded the contract to deliver the new skatepark once the funding is in place. It was made clear during the consultation that the skatepark could not be built until these funds were in hand and that the Town Council would also have to look for a further £35,000 grant to achieve the £200,000 cost of the park selected by local skaters.



The Town Council applied for a grant via Veolia for the additional £35,000 but unfortunately this was not awarded. Council staff have created the Seaford Skatepark Project which is an online fundraising initiative for local residents to get involved in. We need your help! Visit our Facebook page (Seaford Skatepark Project) to share your ideas and see what plans are in store to raise the remaining money!

Step on to the Seaford Head Coastal Path

Seaford Town Council offers its sincerest gratitude to the volunteers of South Downs National Park Authority who, undeterred by the searing July heatwave, installed some much-needed new steps on one of the entrances to the Seaford Head Coastal Path, by The View, at the base of Seaford Head.

The volunteers worked with the Council's Head Greenkeeper, Simon Lambert, to dig out and install natural looking steps, which have already been well received by the many walkers that frequent this area on a daily basis.

The footpath is perfect for those looking for refreshments after a coastal walk – The View is just two minutes walk from the path, with plenty on offer for all. The new steps being in situ now means the path can be used all year round and is much more accessible to many people. As always, the Council urges any users of the coastal path to show the necessary caution on chalk cliffs, not going within 5 metres of the cliff edge.

The Town Council offers its thanks to the volunteers; David Ashton, Martin Bridle, Steve Brookman, Jennifer Butchers, Liddy Davidson, Aled Evans, Stephen Taylor and Mick Woolgar.

Boot Fairs 2018

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

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				



Past Events

We have had an incredibly busy few months!

Seaford Town Council was thrilled to be part of Seaford's Shoal Community Bench celebration event at Splash Point. On May 28th hundreds of local people packed around Splash Point Jetty, excited to see the completed stunning sculptural Mackerel bench.

This project has been made possible by Seaford Town Council, Environment Agency, Seaford Community Partnership, Artist Christian Funnell and Designer Gabby Tofts working in partnership to design and built this unique 35-metre-long sculpture.



The Town Council wants to thank YOU, the people who have supported The Shoal and made this ambitious project possible through your sponsorship!



The Seaford Mayor, Councillor Linda Wallraven opened the 7th Mayors Open Garden Trail at the award-winning garden 'Driftwood' in Bishopstone. Geoff Stonebanks of 'Driftwood' was key in organising the event. Linda cannot thank Geoff enough for organising such a successful event.

The weather could not have been better and a total of **£2,567.25** was raised on the day which is the most raised in the last 7 years!



To mark World Ocean Day 2018, Seaford Town Council was thrilled to arrange a Beach Sculpture Competition during the recent school half term. Teams of up to 4 were invited to enter in either a Primary or Secondary age group.

During the half term, the teams collected plastic and other debris found on the beach from Cuckmere Haven to Tidemills, transforming this discarded waste into diverse and exciting sculptures.

Big congratulations go to the members of the **Seaford Youth Forum** team for their winning wind turbine entry in the Secondary age group, and to the team with their sea turtle in the Primary age group. A special mention must also be made to all the other entries, who also submitted fantastic creations!

Oh I do like to be beside the seaside...

Seafront Concessions

Seaford Town Council welcomes Skipper Water Sports Paddleboard and Kayak Hire to Seaford Beach!



Skipper Water Sports is run by Toby Morrish and Paddy Powney. Providing hire of sups (stand up paddleboards) and kayaks for an introductory price of £10 for 45 minutes, including life jacket hire, this is an incredible opportunity for sea-lovers. All sessions will be subject to a 5-minute safety briefing and tutorial. Group sessions and deals are also available.

Skipper Water Sports will be open every Saturday and Sunday from June through to September 2018, including Bank Holiday Mondays and school holidays.

Please do check out Skipper Water Sports Facebook page for updates on opening dates, times and offers
<https://www.facebook.com/skipperwatersports/>



Contact—07545 210035



Personnel Updates

The Council is pleased to announce that its Executive Support Officer, Georgia Raeburn, is expecting her second child; she will be starting Maternity Leave in early November 2018.

The Facilities Supervisor, Emily Piper, had a healthy baby girl in March and is enjoying her time off knowing that Sharan Brydon has stepped in to her role to cover during her absence.

The Council recently made the decision to look to recruit a full time Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer; this role is currently being advertised and will be pinnacle to helping the Council achieve its aspirations for Seaford over the coming years.

Armed Forces Day



Again this year, Seaford Town Council and the Seahaven Branch of The Royal Society of St George (RSSG) as a joint committee, arranged the Veterans and Armed Forces Day on Saturday 30th June at the Martello Fields, Seaford for the whole of the District of Lewes with surrounding towns and villages.

It was a great success with the parade of Veterans and Cadets led by the Surrey and Sussex Drum and Bugle Band. Their presence setting the pace that the Chelsea Pensioners use really enhanced the whole of the parade and the following inspection. The inspecting officer was David Allam DL. As well as having been High Sheriff of East Sussex he is also Deputy Lieutenant for the County. He took the salute accompanied by Cllr Linda Wallraven, Mayor of Seaford, and Laurie Holland, President of the Seahaven Branch RSSG. The parade was commanded by Major Bob Peedle MBE, Chairman Seahaven Branch RSSG and of the Joint Committee. For the Inspection the General Salute, Last Post and Reveille were all sounded by a Trumpet Group from the Seaford Silver Band under the leadership of former Royal Tank Regiment bandsman, Christopher Goodchild.

The weather was superb, what a change for the wet and drizzly time we had in 2017. The event started at 11am and closed at 4pm during which time many people visited to witness the parade, see the stalls and the arena events.

This year not only were members of the Royal British Legion Seaford Branch, (who help to subsidise the cost of refreshments for the veterans and VIPs) and other local branches but we welcomed many veterans from elsewhere including members of the Eastbourne Veterans Breakfast Club. All the services were represented, Royal Navy, including Royal Marines, Army and the RAF, which is 100 years old this year. It is also 100 years since the signing of the Armistice following the First World War and this was emphasised by a TOMMY guarding the entrance to the Arena on the Day. The date 30th June is significant as it is recorded as the Day Sussex Died, the battle of Boars Head, 30th June 1916. **‘WE WILL REMEMBER THEM’.**

Cllr Linda Wallraven said *'It is a privilege for Seaford to host this event to celebrate the men and women of our Armed Forces past and present also recognising the 100 years of the signing of the Armistice as well as the birth of the Royal Air Force. It made me very proud to watch the parade and inspect our veterans and young cadets on behalf of our town. Thank you to everyone involved making this special day possible'.*

Chairman and Parade Commander, Major Bob Peedle MBE said *"It is so pleasing that so many from our local community get involved to help run this annual event which celebrates and commemorates those of the Armed Forces both past and present, and with the cadets on parade we are supporting the future. Reserve Saturday 29th June for next year's event."*

For more information about the Royal Society of St George visit 'www.royalsocietyofstgeorge.com' or on Facebook visit 'Seahaven Branch The Royal Society of St George.'



Civic

Young Mayor of Seaford

Our new Young Mayor, Dominic Avey is looking forward to his year ahead and is actively planning various fundraising events to raise money for Seaford Head School's Arts Department.



He had a great evening attending his first Civic Engagement hosted by the Young Mayor of Peacehaven, Fatma Bacha who raised £201.00.



Pictured from left to right: The Youth Mayor of Peacehaven, Fatma Bacha, The Young Mayor of Seaford, Dom Avey and Deputy Youth Mayor of Peacehaven, Harvey Browning.

Deputy Young Mayor of Seaford



James Jenkins is Seaford's Deputy Young Mayor for 2018/2019 supporting Dominic during his year.

James said *"I stood up for Deputy Young Mayor so I could help give the younger generation a say of what goes on in the town. I aim to take ideas and use them to help the Council decide on what we raise money for and how we raise the money"*.

Past Young Mayor of Seaford

Thomas Exley had a wonderful year as Young Mayor in 2017/2018 and ended his term by hosting a 'Celebration Tea' at Deans Place Hotel to thank a group of key people who really supported him throughout the year.

Thomas said *"It has been a real honour to be the Young Mayor of Seaford this year and to have had the opportunity to have been able to fundraise for such an amazing project, which will have a lasting impact on our community for good. I am very sad to leave the post after 2 years with the council, but this year has prepared me for life and what is to come in terms of my career and my life ahead"*



Civic

Town Forum



Over 60 members of public attended Seaford's **Annual Town Forum** to receive an update on Town Council activities over the past year, watch as the deserving recipients received their Mayor's and Young Mayor's Awards and heard presentations from local community groups and charities.

The 2018 Town Forum, hosted by Seaford Town Council and opened by Town Crier, Peter White took place at The View at Seaford Head on Tuesday 22nd May and was a very positive meeting, full of key updates and information, and inspiring messages from the award winners and community groups in attendance.

The re-elected Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Linda Wallraven, welcomed all those in attendance to the event and started the proceedings. Presentations were made by Citizens Advice Bureau, CTLA, Waves Seaford, Seaford Lifeguards, Seaford Community Events Committee (Motorfest) and Seaford Musical Theatre, who had all received large financial grants from the Council during 2017. The presentations ranged from verbal updates and a YouTube video of Seaford's Motorfest event (can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ew_j8uuQ0yc), to a live performance from two young members of Seaford Musical Theatre Juniors (pictured above) charming the audience with their lovely rendition from The Wizard of Oz, which the theatre staged in June.

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.

Also present were those groups and charities in receipt of small financial grants (under £500) during 2017, 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; Epilepsy Sussex, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Fund, East Blatchington Pond Conservation Society, Seaford Hard of Hearing Club and Teddy Treats. Seaford Youth Forum and Neighbourhood First also came along and had a stand to talk about what they offer in the town.

Attendees were also able to hear about the Strategic Objectives adopted by Seaford Town Council in April 2016 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.



Mayor Linda Wallraven
with Teddy Treats Founder
Brenda Edwards

Civic

During the event, presentations were also made to the Mayor's chosen charity of the funds raised throughout the past year. Councillor Wallraven was thrilled to be able to present Seaford Lifeguards with their cheque of £4,011.72. Seaford Lifeguards are entirely voluntary and have been recognised as one of the best lifeguard services in the country; Seaford is blessed to have such a remarkable group of people ensuring the safety of its beach and users.

The evening then moved on to the annual Mayor's Awards; Mayor, Councillor Linda Wallraven, was pleased to be able to announce her awards to individuals that have helped support and enrich the town; Ken & Julie Jupp (Royal British Legion), Maeve Mabey, Hilary Norsworthy, Brenda Edwards (Teddy Treats), Mike Roper (The Rotary Club) and Thomas Exley (2017/18 Young Mayor).

The Annual Don Mabey award, awarded to individuals for outstanding service to the town, was presented to Geoff Stonebanks for his continuous fundraising (pictured below). Having been fundraising for over 10 years, largely through organising open gardens, Geoff has raised in excess of £100k for Macmillan Cancer Support and the various Mayoral charities, a truly admirable achievement and one that he continues to increase each year. Congratulations to Geoff for his hard work and passion for raising well needed funds!

The 2018 Mayor's Open Garden Trail, organised by Geoff Stonebanks, took place on Sunday 10th June and raised an amazing **£2,567.25**.

The 2017/18 Young Mayor, Thomas Exley, summarised on his two years with the Council and the success of his campaign to raise funds to Install a wheelchair accessible swing in The Salts. With the help and support of everyone involved and all those who donated, Thomas was thrilled to announce that he had reached his target of £10k and is working with the Town Council to hopefully have the swing installed in early-Summer. Thomas chose to present two Young Mayor's Awards, which were sponsored by Seaford Rotary Club; the first to Martin Murdoch and Janet Daynes of the Blatchington Miniature Railway and an Award of Courage to Brandon Whitham, a student at school with Thomas.



Dominic Avey, 2018/19 Young Mayor, informed the meeting that during his year of office he would be aiming to raise funds for the art, drama and music department of Seaford Head School. Dominic also introduced the new Deputy Young Mayor, James Jenkins, who unfortunately was not able to attend.

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.

2018 REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 11 November 2018—10.30am for 11am, Remembrance Sunday Service

Seaford War Memorial

Tuesday 13 November 2018—10.30am for 11am, West Indian & Canadian Service

Seaford Cemetary

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER 2018

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