

Telscombe Town Crier



The Official Newsletter of Telscombe Town Council

Royal Wedding Screening



Telscombe Town Councillors are hosting a screening of the Royal Wedding at Telscombe Civic Centre with celebratory food and drink on Friday 29th April. Tickets and further information available from the Civic Centre reception or phone 01273 589777.



Telscombe & Peacehaven Summer Fayre

This year's joint Telscombe and Peacehaven Town Councils' Summer Fayre is taking place in Chatsworth Park, Telscombe Cliffs on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd July, commencing with the grand opening at midday. Attractions planned include arena entertainment, Punch & Judy, fairground, Charity Organ, birds of prey, bouncy castle, beer tent, food and ice cream vendors. There will be a variety of stalls including jewellery, toys, games, bric a brac and a tombola, plus stalls from local organisations and charities including Help for Heroes, Sussex Air Ambulance, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Sussex Caring Pets, Ambulance Responders, Coastwatch, Telscombe Residents Association and many more. *Don't miss this superb community event—note the date now.*

Telscombe Tye Protected

Residents have queried the protection of the Tye as green, public access open land. The Tye is an area of Registered Common Land with registered commoner's grazing rights. Natural England requires the Tye to be grazed to preserve the species rich chalk downland. The environmental importance of the Tye has recently been emphasised by its inclusion in the new South Downs National Park. *Development of the Tye is not possible with these protections in place.* The Council has also sought legal advice in respect of imposing a covenant to prevent the sale of the Tye. A covenant is normally associated with a contract of sale and ***as the Tye is not being sold***, a covenant would not be appropriate. The advice from the Council's Solicitor is that it is "legally impractical to impose such a covenant."

The Town Council has commissioned a comprehensive report into all aspects of the Tye by a consultant specialising in common land. The recommendations from the report are being progressed by a working group made up of Councillors and residents. Progress has been made in respect of the removal of a large quantity of chalk bunding, measures to prevent unauthorised driving on the Tye, and improved access for disabled users. A working horse event was organised to help with the re-seeding of the area left after the removal of the chalk. The Council continues to work with local volunteers 'Friends of the Tye' who provide a valuable service in helping to maintain and protect the environment. All these measures are intended to preserve the Tye as a unique open space to be enjoyed by residents and visitors now and in the future.



Red Nose Day.

The Mayor, Cllr Ron Maskell, dedicated his bingo fundraising evening on the 18th March to Comic Relief & the money raised has been forwarded to the Charity. The Mayor has held regular fund raising events, including monthly bingo sessions, and will have donated in excess of £5,700 to local community organisations over his 2 year period in office. The Mayor was also very pleased to support local boy, Harvey Browning,



who organised a charity Come Dine With Me Red Nose Day Special. Harvey invited his friends and family to his home for this very special event, which was also attended by Leroy Clarke, Head of Catering & Entertainment at Brighton City College. Harvey raised over £200 for Comic Relief. Congratulations to Harvey, his family and friends.

Mayor Cllr R Maskell and Harvey pictured with his Certificate of Achievement

CIVIC CENTRE SOLAR PANEL READINGS AS AT:-	1st April 2011
CO2 SAVED	1706 KG
TOTAL ENERGY GENERATED	2994 KWH

Telscombe Residents' Association

Telscombe Residents' Association meetings take place on the second Monday in the month in Room 1 at Telscombe Civic Centre, commencing at 7.30 pm. The Association welcomes new members. You will have an opportunity to put forward any ideas or proposals for Telscombe, so please come along and have your say.

They also have a coffee morning from 10-11am on the first Saturday of each month at Telscombe Civic Centre to coincide with the Councillors' Surgery.

Friends of Telscombe Tye Conservation Group

The Friends of Telscombe Tye Conservation Group was formed in early 2004. Bringing together people of different ages, interests and backgrounds for a common purpose - a wish to play a role in protecting and enhancing the natural environment of Telscombe Tye. Managed sensitively using traditional farming methods ensuring wildflowers, insects and ground nesting birds can flourish, the main Tye also has a dew pond, currently in need of repair, which was originally dug out for livestock to drink from. These features are now important as wildlife havens and will attract insects, amphibians and birds. The Tye E-piece, east of Telscombe Village, is a fine example of a chalk grassland habitat. Wildflower-rich chalk grassland is a rare habitat which is internationally protected and supports a wide range of flora and fauna. The 'E-piece' is home to several species including Devil's bit scabious, Bird's-foot trefoil and the rare Adonis Blue butterfly.

Each month FOTT organise tasks on the Tye, usually on a Saturday or Sunday, ranging from scrub clearance, path and gate maintenance to litter picking and surveys either on the main Tye or the E-piece. If you live in and around the area and use and enjoy the Tye on a regular basis, whether for dog walking, exercise or just for pleasure, why not become a member and support us in our work - it's only £2 a year.

Information is available from the Civic Centre or contact Clare Evans, Chair, on 01273 588297. Further details & membership forms are also available on the Group's website: www.friendsoftelscombetye.co.uk

Message from Simon Kirby MP

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to contribute to the Telscombe Town Crier, which does a wonderful job of keeping people informed about important local issues. I am also honoured to be the MP for Brighton Kemptown. It is a great place to live and work and a huge privilege for me to serve nearly 100,000 people. I hold regular surgeries in eight locations including Telscombe Civic Centre, & Saltdean Lido." Contact details can be found on page 4 of this edition.



The Royal British Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to serving and ex-Service men and women and their dependants all year round. We are the custodians of Remembrance, ensuring people remember those who have given their lives for the

freedom we enjoy. We are responsible for the Two Minute Silence on Remembrance Sunday and the 11th November.

The Legion spends over £50 million every year providing a wide range of welfare assistance to the ex-Service community. From grant making to pensions and benefits advice, from counselling and job retraining to pilgrimages; and from home and hospital visits to the provision of full nursing care, the Legion is there to help. This year we celebrate our 90th Anniversary. We welcome men and women of all ages to join us, whether you have served in the Armed Forces or not. We have an active branch in Peacehaven and Telscombe with monthly meetings, other events held locally, regionally and nationally throughout the year. You would be helping others and could benefit from being part of the country's largest membership organisation. For further details contact the Membership Secretary on 01273 589647 Johan Janse van Vuuren, Branch Chairman

The Telscombe, Peacehaven and East Saltdean Access Group - Working on Your Behalf

The new venue for meetings of the group on the first Monday of each month, except Bank holidays, is at the Co-Op conference room 2pm to 3pm. Please come along to discuss any disability issues. Call 01273 584953 for details.

Chamber of Commerce Awards



Mayor Ron Maskell pictured with the Award Winners

The annual Peacehaven & District Chamber of Commerce Business Awards ceremony saw Mark Derrick, managing director of Jarlands, South Coast Road, Peacehaven sweep the board. Mark was named Business Person of the Year and his company Jarlands won the Business of the Year award. Awards of Merit in the Business Person of the Year category went to: Helen Macaulay and Chris Chandler and in the Business of the Year category they were awarded to: Sussex Will Writing Company and Leads Direct. The chairman's prize went to Chris Bray of Leads Direct.

New Household Waste Centre for Newhaven

Work is underway to build a new household waste recycling site in Newhaven. The site, at the former Haven Foundry in New Road, replaces the existing waste recycling centre in Lewes Road. It will be split level, with the lower level for items such as glass, clothing and electrical goods; and the upper level for bulkier items, such as garden waste, rubble and wood. People will be able to drive onto both levels to access the skips and not have to climb steps on foot. More skips will be available than at the existing site and a dedicated skip lorry area, which will mean the facility will not have to close while full skips are replaced. The new site also includes a dedicated queuing lane that will mean traffic will not need to wait on the road outside the site when it is busy.

The project was recently given the go ahead after the final legal and planning conditions were completed. The new site is due to open to the public in the summer. The new site will cost £1.3m to build and is being funded from a specific government grant to improve waste and recycling infrastructure. We all need to play a part in helping to reduce the amount of waste we produce, and increase the amount we reuse and recycle. This new facility will provide modern convenient facilities to enable the residents of Newhaven, Denton, Peacehaven, Telscombe Cliffs, East Saltdean and surrounding areas to do this.

Telscombe Town History

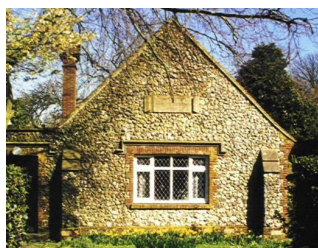
Mrs Brenda Troak, widow of well known local historian Malcolm, has very kindly donated a box of archive material on Telscombe Town gathered by Malcolm during his research on local history. The box contains original photos, newspaper cuttings and Malcolm's writings on the subject. Above is one of the photos from the box, which Malcolm identified as the first house built in Telscombe Cliffs. It is now the site of the Civic Centre. The Council are very grateful to Mrs Troak for her thoughtfulness in enabling us to preserve these valuable items.



Telscombe Village History - By an amazing co-incidence, Mrs Margaret Chiverton also donated an item, a booklet "A Few Notes on Telscombe in the South Downs 1337 to 1933" by Walter Lintott. This little booklet was found by Mrs Chiverton's late friend, Edna Price, in Sydney, Australia and brought back to Telscombe Cliffs! The Council would like to thank Mrs Chiverton for donating her friend's 'Australian find' and her interesting story of how far it had travelled.

Telscombe Village Club

Telscombe Village Club is a beautiful village hall and garden set in the idyllic rural setting of Telscombe Village, Gorham Lane, off the C7 Newhaven to Lewes road. The original flint and brick building with leaded light windows, contains an atmospheric and welcoming hall with an open fire and a minstrels gallery. Originally built in 1924 by Ambrose Gorham as a place of recreation for the villagers, this picturesque hall is available to hire for parties, wedding receptions or other functions.



An external view of Telscombe Village Club

If you would like to find out more about the hall or would like to make a booking, please contact the bookings secretary, Alan Baker on 01273 302333.

East Sussex Fire Dog Wows the Crowds

Sam the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Fire Investigation Dog made a star appearance at this year's Crufts Dog Show. The loveable but highly trained fire dog received a special invitation from his food sponsors, Nestle Purina Proplan. Sam, accompanied by his handler Sarah Jones, made his appearance at the world famous event on the 10th March. Spectators saw first-hand what a valuable job Sam does when he attends fires where arson is suspected, as well as the close relationship between him and Sarah. Sam is trained to locate a wide variety of flammable liquids and can even identify their presence amongst fire debris. He wears special boots when he's working, as well as a reflective harness and line to prevent him getting into danger. Sam can track down the vapour given off by a liquid accelerant at speed. Sam indicates the location of the substance by pointing at the source with his nose. Sam is rewarded by Sarah for a successful 'find' and a sample is taken away for forensic laboratory examination. After intensive training, Sarah and Sam went operational in East Sussex in February 2005. Annual testing at the Surrey Police Dog Training Unit ensures they maintain their operational standards. Sarah said: "Sam is such a happy little dog, full of life and enthusiasm. He loves his work and he loves to play. We enjoy a very special relationship based on trust."

More information on ESFRS, Sam, and the new Black Museum can be seen on the website: www.esfrs.org.



Meeting Dates — May—Aug 2011

Planning & Highways	May 4th—Wed
Annual Meeting of Council	May 17th—Tues
Planning & Highways	25th May—Wed
Policy & Resources	June 13th—Mon
Planning & Highways	June 15th—Wed
Amenities & Civic Centre	June 20th—Mon
Telscombe Village Club	June 22nd—Wed
Planning & Highways	July 6th—Wed
Policy & Resources	July 11th—Mon
Council	July 19th—Tues
Telscombe Village Club	July 20th—Wed
Amenities & Civic Centre	July 25th—Mon
Planning & Highways	July 27th—Wed

Planning & Highways Aug 17th—Wed

The public can attend meetings and ask questions during a 15 minute period before a meeting starts. Please telephone the Civic Centre on 01273 589777 to ensure that a meeting is being held.

Meetings are held in the Telscombe Civic Centre, except for the Telscombe Village Club which is held in the Village Club, near Lewes and start at 7.30 pm. (*The Annual Town Meeting and Annual Council meeting start at 8 pm*).

Agendas are displayed on Council notice boards a few days before meetings and also usually on the website, www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

Thank You

Telscombe Town Council would like to thank the new advertisers for their support and the continued backing of others for the Town Crier newsletter by placing an advert in the insert. It feels this provides helpful information to the local community.

Saltdean Residents Association



Saltdean Residents' Association holds quarterly meetings for its members. If you are not a member, you can join for only £5 a year. Why not take a look at their new website and share your

thoughts, www.saltdeanra.org.uk

Civic Centre Opening Hours:-

The Civic Centre Reception is open every weekday from 9 am until 4.30 pm, excluding bank holidays. Telephone 01273 589777 ** Fax 01273 585888

Email: enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

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Town Clerk: Martin Duckworth **Deputy Town Clerk:** Stella Newman



Contact a Councillor

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Job Harris	01273 583050
Marina Pepper	marinapepper@googlemail.com
Brian Page	01273 302220
Paul Evans	07787 413268

Councillors—Telscombe Cliffs Ward:-

Tim Armour	01273 302486
Phil Howson	01273 581612
John Livings	01273 583975
Ron Maskell	01273 585819 - <i>Mayor</i>
David Neighbour	01273 582509
James Page	01273 579380
Brenda Sawyers	01273 584785
Andy Smith	01273 584484

Councillors' Surgeries

Just a reminder that Councillors' surgeries take place on the first Saturday of each month from 10-11am in Telscombe Civic Centre. Anyone from Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean is welcome to attend and speak to Councillors. There will be a Telscombe Town Councillor present and normally also either a Lewes District or East Sussex County Councillor and a representative from the local Police. No appointment is necessary so please come along with any queries you may have. At the same time Telscombe Residents' Association holds a **coffee morning** at the Civic Centre. Dates for the next few surgeries and coffee mornings, all on Saturdays are:-

4th June * 2nd July *** 6th August *** 3rd September**

MP's Surgery Simon Kirby, MP for Brighton Kemptown, holds advice surgeries at Telscombe Civic Centre, the next few dates being **2nd July & 3rd September**. If you would like an appointment, telephone 01273 589178, or write to Simon Kirby, 370 South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs, BN10 7ES, or email simon.kirby.mp@parliament.uk. Full details are on his website www.simonkirby.org.