

Telscombe Town Crier



The Official Newsletter of Telscombe Town Council

Services Improved - Spending Cut

The Town Council is very aware of its responsibilities in the present economic climate and its commitment to improve facilities for residents. During the past year the Council has invested in the Civic Centre to make it more attractive to users and more cost efficient to run. In May two new energy efficient boilers were installed at the Civic Centre, in June new folding doors were fitted to the Council Chamber to improve the flexibility of the space, in September the south facing roof of the Civic Centre was fitted with photovoltaic Solar electrical generating panels. (see table at bottom of page). This winter the Council has undertaken substantial improvements to the main Civic Centre kitchen - (see article on page 3).

Outside of the Civic Centre the Council has installed 3 new picnic tables, 3 new benches, 2 new dog waste bins, relocated a redundant bus shelter, refurbished a notice board and purchased a new one. The Council has supported 11 local community organisations from the grants budget of the Council. In addition the Mayor has raised over £2,300 for local groups by holding events such as a Pig Roast evening and monthly bingo sessions. Some of this money has assisted the purchase of 2 new football strips for the Meridian Athletic Football Club.

All these improvements have been achieved with a zero increase in Telscombe Town Council's Council Tax for the last financial year and a reduction of 2.8% for the 2011/2012 financial year.

***** HAPPY NEW YEAR *****

Community Bus — Use it or Lose it!

Tired of carrying your shopping from the bus stop? *** Paying to get to local shops? Struggling with buggies and shopping?

THEN WHY NOT TRY THE COMMUNITY BUS?

For the past 2 years a partnership between Telscombe, Peacehaven and Newhaven Town Councils and the charity CTLA (Community Transport for the Lewes Area) has provided a DOOR TO DOOR bus service across the 3 towns. Telscombe and East Saltdean residents can use the service for a wide variety of journeys anywhere in Telscombe, East Saltdean, Peacehaven and Newhaven, such as visiting Paradise Park, the Newhaven supermarkets and shops, the Meridian Centre in Peacehaven, social events or medical appointments.

HOW TO USE THE SERVICE:-

To use the service you need to register with the CTLA on 01273 517332 which is FREE. Then all you need to do is ring up to book your required journey. Current charges are £1.50 per journey (£3 return) per person, with accompanied children under 12 travelling **free**.

The service operates:- Monday to Friday 9.15am—2.30 pm

All buses are modern, comfortable vehicles. They are easily accessible even for those with mobility problems, all having wheelchair access—please advise when booking.

All the drivers are fully trained, friendly, CRB checked and are happy to assist with loading and unloading shopping.



Travel Club and Group Bookings
The CTLA also has a travel club (£5 admin fee to join) which offers weekly trips further afield. They are also happy to offer competitively priced group bookings for eligible clubs, societies or groups of friends.

CIVIC CENTRE SOLAR PANEL READINGS AS AT:-	25th January 2011
CO2 SAVED	845 KG
TOTAL ENERGY GENERATED	1,483 KWH

Becoming a Local Councillor

Ordinary elections of Local Councillors take place on the first Thursday in May, every four years, the date of the next election being 5th May 2011.

Town & Parish Councillors represent the people living in their local area at the closest level to the community. There are 3 main components to their work including

1. Decision Making (*through meetings and attending committees*)
2. Monitoring (*by making sure their decisions lead to efficient services by keeping an eye on how well things are working*) and
3. Getting Involved (*by going to meetings of local organisations, running a surgery for residents & taking up issues on behalf of members of the public*).

Councillor duties can occupy them for about 3 to 4 hours a week, but there are some councillors who spend more time than this.

Being a Town Councillor is a way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. There is certain criteria you have to meet including:-

- (a) You have to be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union and
- (b) on the 'relevant election date' you must be 18 years of age or over.

Does this sound like something you would like to do? Look out on Council notice boards in April for the Notice of Election.

A prospective candidate must deliver or send by post to the Returning Officer at Lewes District Council a valid nomination paper which is obtained from the Officer. The candidate's full names and residence must be entered on the form, along with his/her number and prefix letter from the current register of electors. It must also contain similar particulars of a proposer and seconder who must be electors for the area for which the candidate seeks election.

Thank You —Telscombe Town Council would like to thank all local businesses for their continued support for the Town Crier newsletter by placing an advert in the advertising insert.

Eyes Down!

Why not come along to the ever popular bingo evenings. **NEW** dates as follows:-:

Friday 25th February

Friday 18th March

Friday 15th April

Friday 27th May

Start time is prompt at **7pm**

There will be eight games played for £4



FREE tea and biscuits are provided at a half-time break. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and be in with a chance of winning a cash prize. You may also be lucky with the extra 'snowball' game which costs 50p for a game card.

Net proceeds to the Mayor of Telscombe's charity fund.

Telscombe Cliffs Community Church

The Church in Buckhurst Road will be holding a **QUIZ** on Saturday 5th March at 6 for 6.30 pm. If you would like to take part or have a team of up to 6 players, call Kathy on 07534 903842. The cost is £6 per head including a buffet supper.

80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS— Saturday 30th April:- a flower festival, barbeque, craft fair, 'The Gang Show' performance in the afternoon by local boys and girl scouts and an evening concert of live entertainment including a barbeque. Sunday 1st May:- after morning thanksgiving for 80 years of community service, the flowers will be judged and there will be a performance by the Newhaven marching band. A full programme of events will be available.

Remembrance Sunday



Despite the atrocious weather, there was admirable support for remembrance Sunday at the local Churches. The services were very poignant and many wreaths were laid in memory of those who have lost their lives for their Country.

Winter Maintenance Advice

Issued by Peacehaven
& Telscombe Town
Councils



Both Peacehaven & Telscombe Town Councils will endeavour to keep their community buildings accessible by clearing snow in as safe a manner as is possible.

Householders & businesses in Peacehaven and Telscombe are encouraged to clear snow and ice from public areas near their properties during periods of severe winter weather. They are also encouraged to assist neighbours who may not be able to clear snow themselves. The following extract from a Ministry of Justice Letter may be of interest to anyone who is concerned about their legal position:

"The prospect of a person who volunteers to clear snow from a pavement being successfully sued for damages by a person who subsequently slips on the cleared area and is injured is very small."

"A snow clearer does have a duty to anyone who passes along the pavement to do the clearing with reasonable care so as not to create a new and worse risk, but the only person who is at risk of being sued is a person who clears the snow so badly that things are worse than before and that common sense would indicate this was so."

"A job done very badly indeed which makes the pavement clearly more dangerous than before might give rise to a risk if a person who would not have slipped otherwise slips and is injured as a direct result of that more dangerous state of affairs"

For Public Information, 25 kg bags of rock salt can be obtained from the following retailers:



**Travis Perkins, Newhaven
Wynns of Seaford
Paradise Park, Newhaven
B&Q, Newhaven**

Approximate cost per bag £6

Telscombe and Peacehaven Summer Fayre

This will be taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd July 2011 in Chatsworth Park, Telscombe Cliffs. If you are interested in having a stall at a cost of £6, please telephone 01273 589777 to book or for further details.

Kitchen Refurbishment



The much needed kitchen extension and refurbishment at the Telscombe Civic Centre has now been completed.

The improved facilities include a dishwasher and range cooker giving greater scope for catering for parties, wedding receptions, etc.



Telscombe Residents' Association

Telscombe Residents' Association has now changed the day of their meeting to the second Monday in the month.

Meetings take place in Room 1 at Telscombe Civic Centre, commencing at 7.30 pm. The Association welcomes new members and 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.

Telscombe Tye

Under section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 it is a criminal offence to drive a vehicle on Common land without the consent of the landowner. Telscombe Tye is registered Common land under the Commons Registration Act 1965. Persons found to be driving without permission are guilty of an offence and subject to prosecution.

Please help us by reporting to 01273 589777 if you see this occurring, including vehicle details.

Many thanks

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. They have recently launched a new website, www.saltdeanra.org.uk. Why not take a look and share your thoughts.



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

Correspondence Address: Telscombe Town Council, Telscombe Civic Centre, 360 South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs, E Sussex, BN10 7ES



Contact a Councillor

Councillors—East Saltdean Ward:-

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Councillors—Telscombe Cliffs Ward:-

Tim Armour 01273 302486
Phil Howson 01273 581612
John Livings 01273 583975
Ron Maskell 01273 585819 - *Mayor*
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. 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:- **5th March *** Saturday 2nd April *** Saturday 4th June**

MP's Surgery Simon Kirby, MP for Brighton Kemptown, holds advice surgeries at Telscombe Civic Centre, the next few dates being **5th March, 7th May, 2nd July**. For an appointment telephone 0207 219 7024 leaving your full name, address & telephone number and requesting an advice surgery appointment, or email simon.kirby.mp@parliament.uk. Full details are on his website www.simonkirby.org.

Meeting Dates —

February—May 2011

Planning & Highways	February 9th - Wed
Planning & Highways	March 2nd - Wed
Council	March 15th - Tues
Policy & Resources	March 21st - Mon
Planning & Highways	March 23rd - Wed
Amenities & Civic Centre	March 28th - Mon
Telscombe Village Club	March 30th - Wed
Planning & Highways	April 13th - Wed
Planning & Highways	May 4th - Wed
Annual Council	May 17th - Tues
Planning & Highways	May 25th - 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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—This is a meeting for the Town's electors to ask questions on local topics and will be taking place on Tuesday 12th April 2010 in Telscombe Civic Centre commencing at 8pm. Written questions should be sent to the Town Clerk, Martin Duckworth, at least a week before the meeting.