

Telscombe Town Crier



The Official Newsletter of Telscombe Town Council

New Town Mayor



Cllr Ron Maskell, Mayor & Mrs Gwen Maskell, Mayoress

At the Annual Town Council meeting which took place on Tuesday 19th May 2009, Cllr Ron Maskell was appointed as Town Mayor and Cllr Philip Howson as Deputy Town Mayor. Cllr Ron Maskell was presented with his chain of office by the out-going Mayor, Cllr James Page, who also presented flowers to the new Mayoress, Mrs Gwen Maskell. Cllr Ron Maskell had previously served as Deputy Mayor for the last year and is looking forward to serving the Town as Mayor for the forthcoming year. He is also Chairman of the Telscombe Residents Association.

Outgoing Mayor presents cheques from his charity fund



Cllr Philip Howson, Deputy Mayor & Cllr Ron Maskell, Mayor



Before the start of the Annual Council meeting, the outgoing Mayor, Cllr James Page, had pleasure in presenting cheques of £250 each to the local Breast Cancer Support Group, Meridian Athletic Football Club, the women's refuge Rise and Care for Carers, from the funds that he raised during his term of office.

Telscombe Cliffs, East Saltdean and Telscombe Village

Telscombe Residents' Association

The association is committed to supporting the residents of Telscombe and is anxious to encourage as many as possible to join.

The association meets in Telscombe Civic Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. They also hold a coffee morning on the first Saturday of each month from 10-11am to coincide with the Councillors Surgery at Telscombe Civic Centre. Contact the Secretary, Gwen Maskell on 01273 585819 for further details.

Meeting Dates 2009

Meeting dates for September to December:-

	<u>SEPT</u>	
Planning & Highways	Wed	2nd Sept
Policy & Resources	Wed	9th Sept
Tye Commons Committee	Fri	11th Sept
COUNCIL	Tues	15th Sept
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed	16th Sept
Planning & Highways	Wed	23rd Sept
Telscombe Village Club*	Wed	30th Sept
	<u>OCT</u>	
Planning & Highways	Wed	14th Oct
	<u>NOV</u>	
Planning & Highways	Wed	4th Nov
Tye Commons Committee	Fri	6th Nov
Policy & Resources	Wed	11th Nov
COUNCIL	Tues	17th Nov
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed	18th Nov
Planning & Highways	Wed	25th Nov
Telscombe Village Club*	Thurs	26th Nov
	<u>DEC</u>	
COUNCIL	Tues	8th Dec
Planning & Highways	Wed	16th Dec

Additional meetings might be arranged, or if there is insufficient business, some may be cancelled.

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

The Tye Commons Committee meetings start at 6.30pm and all other meetings start at 7.30pm.

All meetings are held in Telscombe Civic Centre. *Meeting held in Telscombe Village Club, Telscombe Village, near Lewes.

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

ESCC Election Results

Following the County Council elections held on Thursday 4th June 2009, Cllr Phil Howson, con-

servative, was re-elected with 3,099 votes and Cllr John Livings, conservative, with 3,020 for the Peacehaven & Telscombe Towns.



Cllr Phil Howson



Cllr John Livings

New Councillor

At the Council meeting on Tuesday 14th July, the vacancy for a Telscombe Cliffs ward Councillor was filled by co-option. Andy Smith had a unanimous vote. He signed his declaration of acceptance of office and will remain a Councillor until the May elections in 2011.

Donkey Derby

The local NPS Lions Donkey Derby took place on



From left to right:- Telscombe Mayoress Mrs Gwen Maskell, Telscombe Mayor Cllr Ron Maskell, Peacehaven Town Crier Jon Borthwick, the Lions President Bill Yoxall, the Lions mascot & Peacehaven Mayor Cllr Helen Livings

Sunday 12th July and was opened by Telscombe Mayor, Cllr Ron Maskell, and Peacehaven Mayor, Cllr Helen Livings.

The event was a huge success with the weather staying dry, albeit very windy.

Thanks go to all who attended & supported the event.

Quiz Night

Telscombe Council has decided to organise a quiz night to raise funds for the Mayor's charity. The inaugural quiz will take place on Friday 4th September at 7.30 pm. Entrance fee is £2 per person with 6 people on a team. The winning team will receive a bottle of champagne. There will also be a raffle. This should prove to be a fun night, so start brushing up on your general knowledge in readiness. To avoid the disappointment of not getting a table, please ring **01273 589777** now to book in your team. If successful, this may become a regular event.

New Bench Installed

Following on from the article in issue 28 of the Town Crier regarding benches, we are pleased to inform residents that a replacement bench has now been installed adjacent to the cliff top steps near to the Badgers Watch. Again many thanks go to Cllrs James Page and Ron Maskell who gave up their time to carry out the work, saving the Council approximately £100.



Sheep on the Tye

The sheep are back on the Tye and we have had an excellent year so far with 175% lambing and very few losses due to the good weather at the end of April/beginning of May with lots of help from the local young community. This was all exhibited by our very successful Open Days which raised over £650 to help the Down Syndrome children. We hope that everybody enjoyed the weekend and hopefully learnt something from it. The flock returned to the Tye after the hay was cut which should drastically reduce the ragwort and we hope you continue to enjoy seeing them there. We trust you will continue to enjoy the Tye and look forward to meeting you at one of the many events that are held in the Village Club. *The Armour Family*

Bingo Evening Dates

Please note the following dates in your diary for August to December 2009 for the ever popular bingo evenings run by the Council:-

***Friday 28th August ** Friday 18th Sept
Friday 30th Oct ** Friday 20th November
Friday 18th December***

Start time is prompt at 7 pm.

There will be eight games played for £4.

FREE tea and biscuits are provided at a half-time break. Everyone is welcome so why not come along, join in the fun and be in with a chance of winning a cash prize.

There is also now an extra 'snowball' game.

Police Community Support Officer Drop-in Surgery

Police Community Support Officer Linda Hackett has started to hold a drop-in surgery. This will take place once a month at Telscombe Civic Centre. The dates will vary, depending on when she is on duty, so please look out for posters on the Council's notice boards. The date and time will also be put on the home-page of the Council's website under the heading 'What's On'. These sessions should prove extremely valuable to members of the public who can come along and have a chat or ask questions about local issues with her.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Telscombe Town Council will again be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research on Friday 25th September 2009 from 10 am to midday. Everyone is encouraged to please come along and support this very worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing you.

Grants The summer allocation of grants is awaiting ratification by Council, but there is still some money left for consideration of late grant applications. There will be another meeting in the autumn. If you would like to apply for a grant, please write to the Town Clerk, Martin Duckworth, giving the reasons for the application with a copy of the group's most recent accounts. Information about the group making the application and the number of members from Telscombe Cliffs & East Saltdean will be helpful in assessing the request.

Bonfires Residents are asked to please be considerate to their neighbours if they have to light a bonfire, by trying to do so at a time when people are less likely to be enjoying their gardens.

Overgrown Hedges Residents are requested to check the boundaries of their property for overhanging hedges, bushes, shrubs etc. If they are encroaching over the pavement, please cut them back to avoid members of the public having to walk on the verges or even into the road which can prove very dangerous.

Thank You

Top Money Tips

"CASH is always king and financial institutions are eager for yours, but are you and your business making the most of your money?" writes Independent Financial Adviser **Mark Derrick** "At the time of writing, the main two risks to cash are the effects of inflation on its buying power and the risk of capital loss if your bank or building society collapses."

Mark further suggests that in the current financial climate:

Deposit no more than £50,000 with *any one provider* and check that they are protected under the financial services compensation scheme.

Utilise your **Cash ISA allowance** (£3,600, £5,100 for over 50s from October 2009) and review returns on existing deposits.

Mortgage rates are really low – but for how long? Could now be a good time to consider fixing for the longer term?

Check your eligibility for tax or pension credits.

Running a business? "Cash flow failure kills businesses as sure as night follows day" notes accountant **Nicky Easton**.

"Getting your financial records to your accountant as quickly as possible after year end may lead to reduction in payment of tax or even a rebate, but there are plenty of things you can do on a day-to-day basis to improve cash flow:-

Always invoice on completion

Renegotiate payment terms with existing suppliers

Ask your landlord if you can pay **monthly** rather than quarterly in advance

Consider **deregistering** for VAT

Focus your marketing on your best value products or services

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Councillors' Surgeries The Councillors' surgeries that take place on the

first Saturday of each month from 10-11am in Telscombe Civic Centre are proving highly successful. Many members of the public attend to raise queries and speak to Councillors. Anyone from Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean is welcome to attend—no appointment necessary. Combined with this the Telscombe Residents' Association is now holding a **coffee morning** at the same time. Dates for the next few surgeries and coffee mornings, all on Saturdays are:-

5th Sept ** 3rd Oct ** 7th Nov ** 5th Dec

Contact a Councillor Councillors—Telscombe Cliffs Ward:-

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

Councillors—East Saltdean Ward:-

Tim Banning 01273 308369	Lynda Hallett 01273 583501	Job Harris 01273 583050	Marina Pepper To be advised	Brian Page 01273 302220
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Civic Centre Opening Hours:- The Civic Centre Reception is open every weekday from 9.00 am until 4.30 pm, excluding bank holidays.

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