



Newsletter

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Battle of Lewes Celebrations

CHALKlife Festival and Medieval Mayhem Saturday 3rd May. NJBS

The highly successful Extravaganza, held by the Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society on Nevill Green, over the past three years, is to join with the CHALKlife festival, organised by Lewes District Council, and in conjunction with the Friends of Wallands School, a Medieval Mayhem Fayre, held at Landport Bottom on Saturday 3rd May, between 11.00am and 4.00pm. The free event is a family festival celebrating the people, history and wildlife of the South Downs. There will be a medieval theme, with sheep shearing, battle re-enactments, bug hunting, arts and crafts, games, maypole dancing, puppet shows, tug-of-war, displays, food, bar and much more! To be kind to the environment there will be no parking at the event, but there will be bike trains, walking clubs and free buses. Disabled parking will be available on Wallands School playing field.

NRA will have a stall at this event selling cakes, books, bric-a-brac etc, proceeds going to NRA funds for community projects. All contributions gratefully received, please contact Daphne Wyatt, tel: 01273 475966. Individuals or groups can hire stalls for £7.50, contact Norma Tel: 01272 473200 or mobile 07519180311.

In the evening, Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society has organised an exciting musical entertainment on the site of the Battle of Lewes, to follow on from the CHALKlife festival and Medieval Mayhem Fayre. Five hours of live music is planned between 5.30pm till 10.30pm, headlined by local band Tongue and Groove, supported by talented bands from the Starfish Youth Music Project. The number of tickets is limited, and are now on sale at £5 each at Nevill Newsagents, Mount Harry Stores, The Black Horse Inn, and the Gardeners Arms Public House. The ticket includes a medieval feast, and there will be a variety of other refreshments and a bar available. Visit NJBS.co.uk for more information

Residents Association Meeting: 24 March 2014

Following the problems raised at the last NRA meeting in September, about racehorses being exercised at the top of Nevill Road, the chairman reported that PCSO Julie McNirlan had confirmed horse riders were not allowed on pavements. Also, he had received a circular from the police alerting him to a number of thefts from gardens sheds.

Lewes Neighbourhood Plan

After an appeal by the residents association, two people had offered to represent NRA on the Neighbourhood Plan committee. Lucy Ruddy attended the February meeting, and was happy to continue to represent the association, as it was important for NRA to take part. The committee would be putting together ideas for the future development of Lewes. It was a huge project, the benefits to be seen in years to come. The final plan would have to be agreed at a referendum, but if successful should gain extra funding for the Town Council.

Lucy Ruddy was then voted to the NRA executive committee, by the meeting, to replace Graham King, who has moved abroad.

Nevill Bus Route Change 128/129

Councillor Ruth O'Keefe reported that she would be presenting the answers to her questionnaire, and a petition, about local reaction to the proposed bus route change, to ESCC in May. In the meantime the roads were being surveyed, and no change will take place until completed.

Also, a 20 mph speed limit had been agreed for Nevill, however, there is limited funding for all the proposed traffic changes, so some will not be carried out.

St Mary's Social Centre Update.

There have been no developments in the situation of St Mary's Social Centre. It is still on the current tender list for redevelopment, and there has been no news on the transfer of ownership from Lewes District Council to the Town Council. There has been a change of personnel in the councils, so it is hoped for more sympathetic support.

The Environmental Budget The Bench

The bench by the shops has now been installed, however not facing the direction we all expected. Thank you to everyone who passed on information about the previous bench facing the road. Lewes District Council Housing Department are now looking into turning the bench round, and the engineer has visited the site to assess the issues involved. It has been a long protracted process, but we hope for a common sense outcome soon.

In the meanwhile, voting on our 2014 -15 Environmental Budget bid for cherry trees around the bench takes place on 28th April at the Housing Consultative committee meeting.

Grit Bin for Highdown Road/ Firle Crescent Junction

The need for a grit bin at this site was discussed and approved at the NRA January meeting. The bin was purchased by the association with the assistance of the Town Council's scheme to assist residents' groups, and has now been installed.

Camouflage for the Highdown Road Substation

The shrubs that were planted in autumn to camouflage the substation have taken well. There is now a problem with car parking on the road island taking up space for other plants. Cllr Ruth O'Keefe has gained permission from ESCC for a low fence to be erected to protect the shrubs, and funding is available towards the cost.

League of Friends of Lewes Victoria Hospital

Megan Millar has resigned as co-ordinator for street collections on Nevill for the League of Friends of Lewes Victoria Hospital, after twelve years. During that period residents have contributed over £10,000 toward our local hospital. She would like to thank all the house to house collectors, and residents, for their support.

We would also like to thank Megan for all her hard work, and if anyone would like to take over her job, please contact a member of NRA committee.

There is now a link on the Just Giving Website www.justgiving.com/lewesvictoriahospitalof which will give anyone who wishes to donate on line the opportunity to do so. This link is included on the new web site which you can find by keying in: Lewes Victoria Hospital League of Friends. This also explains other ways in which you can help.

Nevill Shares

There are two up and coming Nevill Shares events to be held at St Mary's Church Hall, Highdown Road.

The first is the Community Cafe on **Sunday 13th April 3 - 5pm**, as well as a clothes swap for all ages! There will be tea and cakes too.

On Sunday 11th May, 3 – 5pm there will be a table top sale, and community cafe. Tables will be £5 each, and can be booked by e-mailing suzanneis@tiscali.co.uk.

The Next NRA Meeting

The next meeting, the AGM, will be held on:

Monday 19th May 2014

All meetings take place in St Mary's Church Hall, at 8pm.

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