



East Preston Food & Drink Festival

Have you checked your diary for Saturday, 27th August, because you will not want to miss East Preston's first Food & Drink Festival running between midday and 6pm? There will be an array of food and drink delights and entertainment to enjoy. After the event, please let us know your thoughts about it.

The East Preston flag will be flown high by local favourites, Ristorante Al Mare, The Clockhouse Bar & Deli, Seaview Stores and The Cake Artist. Just some of the other treats available will be:

- Jimmichurri (South American grilled meats) • The Sussex Ice-Cream Company • Devinely Fine Wines
- Jo-Jo's Candy Cabin • Perfectly Preserved (preserves with a twist) • Riverford Organics
- PACKEDlunches • Estrella Damm (Spanish food and drink tent) • Pinch Seasonings • Loaded Loaves
- Giraffe & Hobbit (fine wines) • The Fish Story (the best fishfinger sandwich around apparently)
- Chocolate Gone Mad and more.

Whatever your taste in food there is bound to be something here to appeal and who knows, you might discover something new for your taste buds. Stop on the Village Green to eat what you have bought or take it down to the beach for the afternoon and pick up something else for tea on your way back home!

There will be food- and drink-related demonstrations during the event and a smattering of live acoustic music too.

Inevitably there are some boring but important bits, so please read on carefully. We have tried to keep them to a minimum but for everyone's safety there will be some road closures. With the exception of event vehicles, Willowhayne Crescent will be closed between 10am and 7pm. Additionally, Sea Road from the southern side of the entrance to Crown Place down to the junction with Seaview Road and South Strand will also be closed for the same period of time. Please could you also not leave any vehicles in the Village Green car-park after 8am on Saturday, 27th August. There will be alcohol available to drink at the event and there will be alcohol available to take home. Sussex Police has asked us to let everyone know that if any alcohol purchase for take home purposes is opened in public it may be seized and poured away. No opened containers of alcohol should be taken beyond the area of the event, basically the area of the road closures. Your understanding in all these matters during this time will be much appreciated.

Facebook users can keep up to date with the latest Festival news at www.facebook.com/epfdf

This event will be the culmination of a lot of hard work from a very small number of people and it would only be right to offer them all some thanks here now: Tanya Fooks, Colin and Karen Bradshaw, Jonathan Nulty, Andy Billups, Dominic Timm, Julia Robinson, Cooper Adams, anyone who has helped to spread the word and all council staff.

We look forward to a wonderful day for the village -

Cllrs Hazel Tester, Lisa Duff, Elizabeth Linton and Joop Duijf

FREE ENTRY

EAST PRESTON

Food & Drink FESTIVAL

**DIVERSE
DELICIOUS
FOOD & DRINK STALLS**

This multi-vendor, vibrant food & drink festival is going to be a foodie and tipple-lovers heaven

DATE: SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST
TIME: 12 - 6PM
LOCATION: EAST PRESTON VILLAGE GREEN

Come and meet your local councillors - the feedback

On Thursday, 9th June, the council ran a Festival event for local people to come along and meet their councillors and, over a hot drink and a slice of cake, talk to the council about life in East Preston. Topics covered were wide-ranging. With the exception of one or two very site-specific comments we thought it best to report back here on the comments recorded on that day.

EPPC – East Preston Parish Council; ADC – Arun District Council; WSCC – West Sussex County Council; CCG – National Health Service Clinical Commissioning Group.

Comment
Various comments on the standard, the frequency and the method of grass verge-cutting in the village.
Could seats be provided on the beach?
Speeding in Vermont Drive and Sea Lane.
Safe crossing from east side of Sea Road to the Warren Recreation Ground and Village Hall.
Is the council going to build on East Preston's open spaces?
Is the council going to organise any patrols to look out for people landing on our beaches?
Concern about the possible closure of the toilets at South Strand.
What has happened to the council's report on the Roundstone Level Crossing?
Concern about increase in traffic in Sea Road in the summer.
Parking restrictions need to be considered in Sea Road to assist cars entering Sea Road from roads such as Manor Road and Willowhayne Crescent.
Would like to see increased traffic warden presence, particularly in Sea Road and Willowhayne Crescent.
Can we have our local GP's surgery back please?
What is the latest on disabled access to the beach?

Response
EPPC – facing considerable pressure from central government to keep on cutting costs, WSCC has over the past few years had to reduce the frequency of grass cuts around the village. Comments about the standard of the grass verge-cutting are reported back to WSCC.
EPPC – if you would like to contact the council with suggestions for whereabouts on the beach you would like some seats we can answer accordingly.
EPPC – the council runs a Community Speed Watch group authorised by and in conjunction with Sussex Police. The group is permitted to set up in a number of locations across the village, all of which have been risk-assessed and approved by Sussex Police. Sea Lane is already an approved Community Speed Watch site; Vermont Drive does not meet the necessary criteria.
EPPC – the council has an Infrastructure Plan with West Sussex County Council which is basically a wish-list of infrastructure projects around the village for when WSCC has money available. This matter is on that wish-list.
EPPC – the council is committed to keeping land for which it is responsible undeveloped. Similarly, ADC is committed to keeping Langmeads Field and Lashmar Recreation Ground as open spaces for the enjoyment of all.

EPPC – this council has no such plans at this time.
EPPC – this council has a 25-year lease with ADC for this toilet block, which would otherwise have been closed in 1994. Although this council would like to end the lease early, financially there may be no benefit in doing so. At the time of writing it is likely the toilet block will be handing back to ADC in 2019; ADC knows the importance of the toilet block both to residents and visitors but also has a need to save money in the coming years – closure of some public toilets may be inevitable.
EPPC – the report has been submitted to West Sussex County Council as local Highways Authority, but will not be considered further until after planned improvements to the A259 have been implemented.
EPPC – East Preston is somewhere people wish to visit and spend time and money in during the summer. That helps the local economy but does come at the price of increased traffic.
EPPC - this council has been repeatedly flagging this as a problem to WSCC for several years. WSCC officers have visited on site in the past and not seen a problem. However, the WSCC officer to have visited most recently did appreciate there is a problem. Baby steps forward maybe...
EPPC – ADC is responsible for civil parking enforcement across the district. Resources are concentrated on the three towns – Arundel, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton but this council is able to make ad-hoc requests to ADC and has done so recently for various locations across the village including Sea Road and Willowhayne Crescent.

Since the event, Arun Medical Group has announced its withdrawal from providing services at its East Preston and Littlehampton surgeries.
This council is in regular communication with the NHS Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group pushing for a service to be provided from the Sea Road surgery again.
EPPC – the council remains committed to providing improved access to the beach for all.



Firework Concerns

With Halloween and Bonfire night marking the transition into Autumn/Winter, the Parish Council is concerned that more and more people seem to be buying the larger, noisier fireworks to let off in their back gardens. These fireworks are extremely loud and leave a lot of residue both with the expelled cartridges and the sulphur dust. This very often does not affect the people having the fireworks but neighbouring properties.

Sadly, fireworks are no longer a one or two day enjoyment each year but are becoming weeks of anguish for many of the elderly and pet owners.

The following regulations are published on the Arun District Council website:-

The use of fireworks (not including sparklers, party poppers, etc.) is not permitted between 11pm and 7am. The only exceptions to this are:

Until midnight on 5th November

Until 1am on New Year's Eve

Until 1am on Chinese New Year

Until 1am during Diwali

There are also exceptions for local authority displays, and national public celebrations and commemorative events.

Please always be considerate to neighbours. Thank you in advance for your support.

Comment	Response
Don't close the yacht club.	EPPC – supporting the Open Dinghy Club in its efforts to find a new location as close to the village as possible.
Could we have a bus service at the southern end of the village?	EPPC – after several years of asking Stagecoach to consider this and getting no response, Stagecoach has now pointed this council in the direction of WSCC initially.
Could we have a brown sign for St Mary the Virgin Church?	We believe the churchwardens are handling this matter direct with WSCC.
When will Fairlands, North Lane and Vermont Drive be resurfaced?	EPPC – these and other roads have been flagged to WSCC for resurfacing but have not been built into WSCC's rolling programme of resurfacing. Every public road in the county is inspected at least once a year and the results of that inspection inform the resurfacing programme.
Can a 20mph speed limit be implemented in Sea Lane or speed humps introduced?	EPPC – a 20mph speed limit could be implemented but would need considerable community support. 20mph speed limits are even more effective when combined with physical traffic calming measures and those come at a price.

Village Life

September	
5th	Full Council
6th	West Sussex County Council Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee (7pm, Manor House, Littlehampton Town Council)
7th	Business Breakfast (8am)
12th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm) Amenities Committee
15th	St Barnabas Hospice Outreach Project (10am, Village Green car-park)
25th	East Preston Beach Clean No. 8 (11am, bottom of Sea Road)
26th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm) Community Engagement Committee

October	
3rd	Full Council
4th	Business Breakfast (8am)
10th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
24th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm) Warren Recreation Ground AGM (7pm)

November	
1st	Business Breakfast (8am)
7th	Full Council
14th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm) Amenities Committee
21st	Finance & General Purposes Committee
26th	East Preston Christmas Celebrations (12midday to 6pm)
28th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm) Community Engagement Committee

All council meetings begin at 7pm at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road unless otherwise noted. For all meetings, please consult the Noticeboards and website a few days before the meeting for the Agenda.

Please note the above list may be subject to change

Look out for Highway trees near you

The Parish Council is asking residents to look after trees near their property and report any concerns they may have to West Sussex County Council - anything from general pruning to damaged or fallen trees. Call the contact centre on (01243) 642105 or you can add a report via the Love West Sussex website <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/>

Additionally, if residents feel trees near to them would benefit from some watering during the Summer months, please do water them if you are able.

Thank you.

Thanks to....

East Preston Floral Club, and in particular Pamela Parr, for the beautiful arrangement displayed in the Council Office mid-May marking National Flower Arranging Day.

Rob Ellis, Seaview Stores, The Clockhouse Bar & Deli, Kerry's Tea-room, the Bowls Club and The Sea Horse Café for their assistance with the Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event on 9th June.

East Preston Festival Committee for another programme of great entertainment in the village.

Lucy Dedman and Harry Elles for sterling litter-picking work as part of their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering task.

Happy 50th birthday to East Preston Football Club - thanks for everything.

East Preston Parish Councillors

Following the recent co-option exercise on 4th July, we welcome Christine Barber to the council. The council is now at full strength.

Here is a full list of councillors:

Christine Barber.....	The Ridings
Lisa Duff.....	North Lane
Joop Duijf (Chairman)	Normandy Drive
Barbara Gale	Sea Road
Pat Gander.....	The Street
Paul Kelly	Hazelmead Drive
Elizabeth Linton	Madehurst Close
Glyn Mathias.....	Tamarisk Way
Rick McElroy.....	North Lane
David Moore	Willowhayne Avenue
Danny Shah	Sea Road
Hazel Tester (Vice-Chairman)	Orchard Road
Steve Toney	North Lane

Members of the public are asked to direct enquiries for individual councillors through the Council Office. All named correspondence will be passed on to the appropriate councillor(s).

Beach Clean 8

The next of the council's popular Beach Cleans will take place on Sunday, 25th September. Please register with council reps at the bottom of Sea Road between 11am and midday and bring any suitable tools you have. The council can supply some tools but every little helps.

These twice-yearly events together with other initiatives such as the large bins at the bottom of Sea Road and Sea Lane during the summer and the regular U3A beach cleans do have a very positive impact on the amount of rubbish left on our beaches.

Participants are very friendly so if you have never been before, please come along and be assured of a warm welcome. Biscuits provided!

Pre-registration is not essential but is helpful – contact Alison on epparishcouncil3@btconnect.com or (01903) 770050.

Wildflower Meadows

The beautiful meadow flower displays in the village have been appreciated by many. Sadly, a minority have little respect for such displays and have damaged those on the Village Green!

Thanks to local group SENCAT (Special Education Needs Child Action Team) who have helped with this year's meadow planting on the Village Green. The group is seen in the photograph coming back to see its wonderful displays.

We are looking for sponsorship for next year's plantings if you are a business or local group. Thanks to the Festival Committee which has sponsored and helped plant Two Acres meadow.



Please contact the office if you would like a large print version of this newsletter.



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