



East Preston Food & Drink Festival

Following on from the success of East Preston's first ever Food & Drink Festival last year, between midday and 5pm on Saturday, 26th August, a host of food and drink delights will be available on the Village Green in Sea Road. Please come along and support this event again.

The East Preston flag will be flown high by local favourites Ristorante Al Mare, The Clockhouse Bar & Deli, Seaview Stores and The Cake Artist. Amongst the stalls returning will be:

The Sussex Ice-Cream Company, Devinely Fine Wines, Perfectly Preserved (preserver with a twist), Riverford Organics, Estrella Damm (Spanish food and drink tent), Pinch Seasonings, Loaded Loaves and Chocolate Gone Mad. New stalls will include the Chic'N' Cheerful bar, Cheeseology, Kung Fu Pan (Malaysian food), The Waffle and Crepe Hut (for those with a sweet tooth), Hey Amigo! (Mexican food) and DJ's Spot (Slovakian food).

N.B. These details are subject to change at short notice.

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 Bubble Pop will be providing entertainment for children between 2pm and 4pm. Philippa Bower will be offering face-painting during a similar time-frame.

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 6pm. 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 alongside the Village Green or in the car-park after 8am on Saturday, 26th 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 patience and 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, Julia Robinson, Cooper Adams, anyone who has helped to spread the word and all council staff. Special thanks to James Thomas of Webbs Mustards and Pickles for sponsoring the flyers.

We look forward to a wonderful day for the village - Cllrs Hazel Tester, Lisa Duff, Pat Gander, Elizabeth Linton and Joop Duijff

East Preston Food & Drink Festival

Spend a fun summer's day eating, drinking and socialising with friends and family

- FANTASTIC FOOD
- FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
- LIVE FOOD DEMOS
- DELIGHTFUL DRINKS

JOIN US

DATE: SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST
TIME: 12 - 5PM
LOCATION: EAST PRESTON VILLAGE GREEN

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Come and meet your local councillors - the feedback

On Thursday, 8th June, the council ran its second 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.

Unlike last year's brilliant sunshine, this year the weather

was not so good and this saw a lower, but still respectable, number of people come along. Topics covered were wide-ranging. Like last year, 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; ODC – East Preston Open Dinghy Club; WSCC – West Sussex County Council.

Comment

Why is the Parish Council uninterested in the village's largest open space – Langmeads Field?

Hedges adjacent to pathways are not cut back often enough:

Speeding in Sea Lane in the mornings:

Too long a wait at Roundstone Level Crossing:

Uneven surface at Roundstone Level Crossing:

Could the council consider saving now for a future Coronation Clock?

Could the daffodils be interspersed with some bluebells?

The household waste recycling sites are chaos at the moment:

Response

EPPC - Langmeads Field is owned and managed by Arun District Council. The influence this council can exert over the area is therefore limited.

The Friends of Langmeads is a cross-section of local residents working with Arun District Council in the best interests of the space and all local residents.

The council offers financial support to the Friends of Langmeads group and in the past year has contributed to new information signs to be installed shortly at two of the entrances. The council also promotes Friends of Langmeads events such as litter picks, tree-plantings and the Annual General Meeting when it can.

WSCC – these can be reported direct to the County Council Highways department – either by calling (01243) 642015 or online at <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk> or Smartphones users can download the LoveWestSussex app.

The lower stretch of Sea Lane is an official Community Speed Watch site and monitoring sessions have taken place there in the past and revealed no speeding.

EPPC – perennial problem recognised by everyone in the village and representatives of many larger organisations.

Network Rail is responsible for safety at level crossings and it will not compromise the safety of all level crossing users just to allow one or two more vehicles through before each lowering of the gates.

Occasionally, we understand the gates to be down longer than expected because the operator is a supervised trainee. We feel it is better for the gates to be down too long sometimes than for an accident to happen.

The Chairmen of East Preston and Kingston Parish Councils are scheduled to visit the Lancing signal box in September to learn more. Expect a report on that visit to follow.

EPPC – Network Rail has scheduled closure time at the level crossing in September believed to be to sort out the uneven surface.

EPPC – the council's Community Engagement Committee is broadly in favour of this idea to reintroduce a public clock to the centre of the village.

EPPC – the council's Amenities Committee will certainly consider this.

WSCC – aware of concerns and monitoring the situation.



Comment

Car parked in layby in Manor Road for several months is becoming unsightly:

What has happened to the membership of the Open Dinghy Club?

Response

EPPC - This car has been reported to both Sussex Police and Arun District Council on several occasions. The car is taxed and according to Sussex Police is parked legally. If the owners of the vehicle are reading this, perhaps they would like to take notice of the concerns of their fellow East Preston residents and move the car onto their own land.

ODC - Of approximately 80 members about 65 have rejoined at a reduced rate of £10. We are keeping members in touch with any developments by email. Our feeling is all sailors would return if there were a viable club at a new East Preston site.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) – Lashmar Road

The Council is excited to announce that the new MUGA project is finally well under way. Towards the end of July, representatives from the Parish Council will be part of a panel of officers from Arun District Council who will be choosing their preferred MUGA design for the Lashmar Road site.

Once a preferred contractor and scheme have been chosen, the Council will be able to look into funding options for the project, along with local groups in the village.

It is hoped the new sports facility will be in place by the end of the year.

Sea Road Beach Access

By the time this Newsletter has gone to print, a trial beach path and viewing area should have been created at the Sea Road Beach entrance.

This project has been in the pipeline for some time but due to various factors, there have been delays in carrying out this work. Thanks to the Disabled Action Group (DAG) for raising funds to pay for the digger to clear back the shingle. As this is only a trial, we are dependent on there being a solid surface under the shingle and this will only be known when the clearance is done. The state of the ground under the shingle will determine the extent of the path and platform.

This trial will be monitored over the rest of the Summer and early Autumn and the Council will then review whether it feels planning permission should be obtained for a more permanent structure. Feedback on the trial clearance will be welcomed and will help determine a more permanent outcome in the future.

Please help to make this project a success by not parking inconsiderately down by the beach entrance.

Finally, the Parish Council would like to thank all those who have returned a Public Rights of Way Form expressing support for registration of the unregistered area of land at the Sea Road beach entrance as a Public Right of Way. Over 450 forms have been completed by people who have lived in the village 20 years or more, in addition to several who have been here less than 20 years. The forms have been passed to the Council's legal adviser to progress.

Village Life

September

- 4th Full Council (7pm)
- 5th Business Breakfast (8am)
- 11th Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
Audit & Governance Committee (tbc)
- 18th Amenities Committee (7pm)
- 24th Beach Clean 10 (see page 4)
- 25th Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
Community Engagement Committee (7pm)

October

- 2nd Full Council (7pm)
- 5th Business Breakfast (8am)
- 9th Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
Personnel Committee (7pm)
- 23rd Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)

November

- 2nd Business Breakfast (8am)
- 6th Full Council
- 13th Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
- 20th Finance & General Purposes Committee (10am)
Amenities Committee (7pm)
- 26th East Preston Christmas Celebrations (midday to 5pm)
- 27th Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
Community Engagement Committee (7pm)

Council meetings are usually held at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road. 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.**

Sea Road Toilet Refurbishment

The council is pleased to announce that planning permission has now been granted to convert the Sea Road toilets into a new disabled facility along with two unisex toilets.

The council's architect is currently drawing up a specification for the specialist equipment needed and then we will be going out to tender for both the building work and equipment.

There were no conditions attached to the planning consent relating to the Fig tree as following tree specialist advice both independently and through Arun District Council, it was agreed to reduce the Fig tree's crown significantly and monitor as appropriate. This will be done as soon as possible due to a large limb breaking off the tree recently.

If any local builders would be interested in tendering for this refurbishment work, please let the Council Office know so you can be sent a tendering pack.

Thanks to....

Thanks to The Cake Artist, The Clockhouse Bar and Deli and East Preston & Kingston Bowls Club for their practical help with the Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event on 8th June.

Thanks to Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club and especially coach Andrew Cook for their support of the council's early-summer free tennis coaching sessions. These sessions were enjoyed by those who took part.

Thanks to the East Preston Festival Committee for another fantastic village festival.

Thanks to the village yarn-bombers for brightening up the Village Green and other locations during and beyond this year's Festival.

East Preston Parish Councillors

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 10



The next of the council's popular Beach Cleans will take place on Sunday, 24th 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 eparishcouncil3@btconnect.com or (01903) 770050.

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