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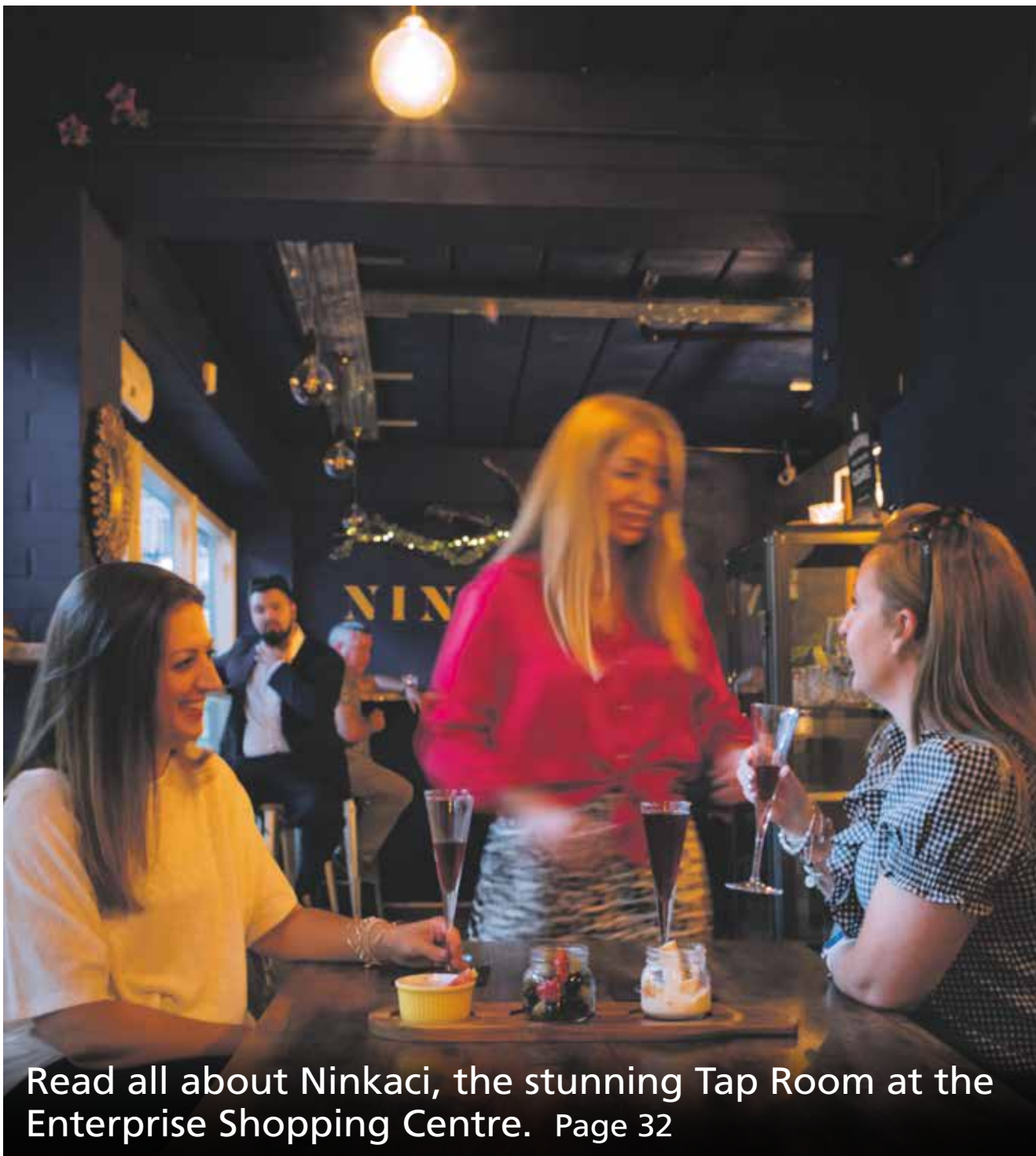
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 the 100,000 figure for  
 the first time.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**That's the number of people we  
 have reached in the past month  
 through our various forms of  
 media, print and online.**

Years ago, when I was the Editor of  
 the *Herald* and other publications, the  
 focus was simply on newspaper sales.

That – and the advertising revenue  
 – was the test for how well we were  
 doing. And boy, did we do well.

Now, times have changed and  
 'reach' has become the in-word,  
 that's the number of people reached  
 by our products.

So, for *Bournefree*, that is:

- Number of copies printed of the monthly magazine.
- Number of people who log onto our website.
- Those who interact with us through our social media, including *Facebook* and *LinkedIn*.

100,000 was always an achievable target, and we are over the moon that we have hit it so soon as our products develop.

Our magazine remains at the core of what we do. We're grateful to everyone who picks up copies, and indeed to all the places who stock our copies. Thanks to each and every one of you.

The magazine continues to focus on the very best of Eastbourne, Hailsham and the surrounding area, and we take great pleasure working with local businesses, groups and organisations.

Our daily news website,  
[www.bournefreelive.co.uk](http://www.bournefreelive.co.uk) is very

lively. There's on average ten new stories each day – make sure you check it out if you haven't already.

And then the real debate goes on at our *Facebook* page. Whether it's Boris, *Universal Credit* cut or *The Beacon*, join in and have your say (or just read the views).

Looking forward, Christmas is not far off and we are just finalising our offer to shops and other advertisers for the festive period.

We're also thinking of a Christmas appeal where we can help people in need and less fortunate. For years at the *Herald*, we ran the *Spirit of Christmas Appeal*, and it's something we are looking at again for 2021.

Interact with us. Our team is growing, we are as enthusiastic as ever – and yes, we think we are making a difference.

Have a great month!



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# It's almost Panto time... Oh yes it is!

**THE cast of this year's Eastbourne *Devonshire Park Theatre* pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*, has gathered in Eastbourne for the first time to officially launch the show.**

The cast includes returning favourites **Martyn Knight** as **Dame Nellie** and **Tucker** as **Chester the Jester** plus **Karen Mann** as **Fairy**, and new faces for Eastbourne, **Carli Norris** as **Carabosse**, **Nicholas Pound** as **King Clarence**, **Rebecca Hoyle** as **Beauty** and **Ashley Emerson** as **Prince Valliant**.

The show which opens at the *Devonshire Park* on Friday 10th December is the 20th pantomime from the *Eastbourne Theatres* team.

By **Peter Lindsey**

*Sleeping Beauty* will be presented with all the colour and spectacle audiences have come to expect with surprises galore!

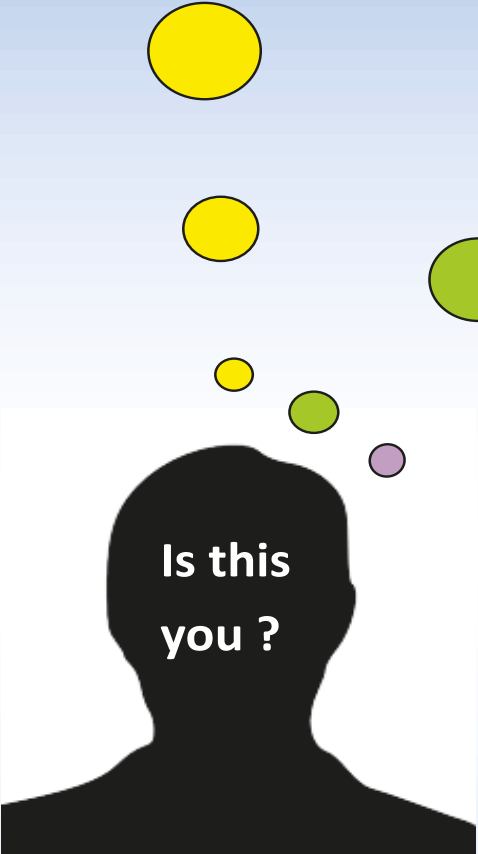
The weather on Friday was good so the cast posed for photos on stage, outside the *Devonshire Park* and even managed a trip down to the Seafront for photos on the promenade and beach.

It is a local job for Eastbourne residents, comic **Tucker** who is more used to working internationally on numerous cruise ships and West End actor **Nicholas Pound** who both live in the town. **Karen Mann**, who has previously appeared at the *Devonshire Park* in *The Hot Mikado* and pantomimes *Robin Hood* and *Jack and the Beanstalk* made the trip to Eastbourne from her home in nearby St Leonards.

**Martyn Knight** reunites with his long-term sidekick **Tucker** in *Sleeping Beauty* and while 2020 saw a hiatus of the pantomime, their chemistry hasn't diminished, within 30 seconds of seeing each other there were belly-laughs backstage between them both. The script for this year's show will see them continuing the laughs on stage with plenty of raucous silliness planned!

*Sleeping Beauty* at the *Devonshire Park Theatre*, Eastbourne from 10th December 2021 – 9th January 2022, tickets priced from £14.50 – £23.50.

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# Sponsors needed for Eastbourne Tree of Light 2021

**IT'S a very special Christmas tree – and it will soon be back for 2021.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**Sponsors are needed to make the annual *Tree of Light* the success it has become every year.**

It's £250 to be a sponsor – and rest assured your money will be going to local worthy charities.

Each year the Tree stands proudly outside the *Towner and Congress Theatre* in the *Devonshire Quarter*.

It's there so people can visit and remember their loved ones as Christmas can be a very sad time for many.

There is also a service in early December where people can tie a ribbon to the tree in memory of someone who has died.



It's organized by the *Rotary clubs of Eastbourne*, and Mel Adams is the main organizer.

She said: "It has become a very special tree, close to many people's hearts.

"We raise around £8,000 a year for charity but it's not just about

raising money – it's giving people somewhere to mourn and to remember a loved one.

"That is very important. Grief is so terrible, we all know that, and we try to provide the opportunity to remember."

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# New vicar at St Richard's church in Langney

**THE Rev'd Alan Weaver has been Collated and Inducted as the new vicar of *St Richard's church*, Langney (pictured with churchwardens Annie Compton & Jacquie Hayhoe).**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**For the past 16 years Alan has been vicar of *St Michael's*, Jarvis Brook (Crowborough).**

St Richard's parish includes both Langney and Sovereign Harbour.

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# New Twilight Festival



## BEACHY Head Signals the Autumn with New Twilight Festival.

By **Peter Lindsey**

**Beachy Head will signal the changing of the seasons with a new festival this October half term featuring stories of folklore, twilight nature walks and night time astronomy.**

Celebrating the changing face of the iconic landmark at night,

'Afterlight' will mark the clocks going back with a series of free events from 23rd – 31st October organised by *Heritage Eastbourne*, as the darker nights draw in.

Funded by the *European Regional Development Fund*, via the *Welcome Back Fund*, the new nine-day festival will feature a range of events during both the daytime and evening in and around the vicinity of *The Beachy Head Story* exhibition.

From tales of Sussex folklore and twilight nature walks to creating craft naturescapes and stealing a glimpse of the Milky Way through

expert telescopes, 'Afterlight' will feature events for both adults and children, with some added spook factor on Halloween.

### Nature walk

Events will include Sussex folklore storytelling for children, light and shadow craft workshops creating naturescapes and the chance to meet the owls from *Sussex Falconry*, while evening talks for adults reveal some of the stories from Eastern European legends to Viking warriors and Norse gods.

Wildlife lovers can join a twilight nature walk with *Sussex Bat Group*,

or for a stellar evening try a spot of star gazing with *Eastbourne Astronomical Society* and then pop into the pop-up planetarium courtesy of *The Observatory*.

Halloween will also see spooky Sussex folklore stories for children, with more festival events to be announced. Events are free but must be pre-booked, with tickets available to book online at the end of the month.

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# Festive ice rink set to take Eastbourne by storm

## IT'S going to be amazing...

By **Peter Lindsey**

### Eastbourne's festive ice rink will be located outside the Enterprise Shopping Centre.

The rink, which will feature Christmas illuminations and an interactive Christmas tree for people to post their own messages, will open from December 1st until January 5th – and tickets are on sale.

*Lightning Fibre* is the Headline Sponsor of the *Eastbourne Ice Rink*.

Ben Ferriman, CEO and founder of *Lightning Fibre*, said, "The announcement by *Your Eastbourne BID* that they were bringing an Ice Rink to Eastbourne this Christmas was amazing news.

"We immediately offered to headline sponsor this great event, which will bring a lot of enjoyment to families here and from out of town.

"As Eastbourne's new, full fibre network operator it made a lot of sense for us to support this local initiative, both financially and by providing our full fibre broadband free of charge at the event for the public to use."

Organisers have confirmed that the real ice rink, which will cover 240 square metres will have a capacity of 80 people and include children's rides, a Christmas market showcasing local stalls, local window dressing competitions and live entertainment.

The rink will be complimented by some additional festive illuminations in the town centre that will be funded by the *European Regional Development Fund* via the *Welcome Back Fund*.

The event is organised by *Your Eastbourne BID* and *Visit Eastbourne*.

Stephen Holt, Chief Executive of *Your Eastbourne BID* said "Over the

years, businesses and residents have been asking when Eastbourne will have its own ice rink over Christmas, and so we couldn't wait to make the announcement. The rink will be open throughout December with fantastic decorations, music and entertainment."

Cllr Margaret Bannister, *Eastbourne Borough Council* Lead Cabinet Member for Tourism & Culture added "We are delighted to be working in partnership with *Your Eastbourne BID* to bring more festive cheer to our wonderful town than ever before. This Christmas will really be something to remember, and people will very shortly be able to purchase their tickets from [VisitEastbourne.com](http://VisitEastbourne.com)"



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# Community Led Homes making a real difference in Eastbourne

## A TWO-YEAR-OLD community-led housing group is getting ready to develop land and build its first five affordable homes for people in housing need.

By **Peter Lindsey**

**There are more than 500 similar groups across the UK, which are on track to deliver thousands of new homes and help alleviate the housing crisis.**

More than just housing, this movement is all about communities making supportive, affordable, secure homes, together.

*Eastbourne Community Land Trust (ECLT)* is a registered *Community Benefit Society*, and currently, the 70 members are looking for new people to get involved.

"We are local volunteers with a passion to see community led homes make a significant difference in Eastbourne.

"Our affordable home ownership scheme will enable people on low incomes to own their own home and feel secure."

Anyone can become a CLT Member for just £1 and get involved or have a say in how the Society is run.

The first housing project is in Langney where they are acquiring a plot of land to build five new houses.

These are for key worker families in housing need so if you know of anyone who may be interested then please encourage them to go to [www.eastbourneclt.co.uk](http://www.eastbourneclt.co.uk)

The Society raises funds through donations, and by raising finance through Community Shares, Grants, Mortgages, and Investment Loans.

The CLT model is a proven, independent, and sustainable way to create affordable housing, through community-led development.

CLTs are set up and run by local volunteers, and because homes are subject to an asset lock, community members become long-term stewards of the land it owns and the homes it builds.

This ensures genuine affordability based on what people actually earn in their area, not just for now but for every future occupier.

The *Community Land Trust* movement is a young and rapidly growing movement in England, as more and more communities take the future of their neighbourhood into their own hands.

Half the CLTs in the UK were formed in the last few years, and with every site development, CLT member organisations are encouraged to share good practice.

The Society's trustees in Eastbourne have benefitted during lockdown from networking with other CLTs to learn about the progress being made by other community led housing groups.

Chair & Chief Officer for *Eastbourne CLT*, Sandy Medway, said: "As a fairly new community-led housing group,



we have learnt much during lockdown from other groups, who are ahead of us with their developments.

"We are astounded by what they have achieved. As volunteers we've been particularly encouraged and helped by leaders of schemes in Sussex.

The government is channelling funds into community-led housing projects and *Eastbourne CLT* is now ready to benefit from this resource.

The guest speaker at the Society's AGM on 21st October is Tom Warder, leader of the Sussex Community-

led *Housing Hub*, who will give an overview of the unfolding landscape of emerging Sussex based CLTs.

Members of *Eastbourne CLT* will also be sharing their plans for the Langney site, and their passion for making a positive difference.

Contact the Society's Chief Officer, Sandy Medway, on **07710 309893**, or by email at: [eastbourneclt.office@gmail.com](mailto:eastbourneclt.office@gmail.com)

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By Peter **Lindsey**

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Richard Brook.



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# Swim – and help save lives in Eastbourne

**FOR many years the *Eastbourne Lions* ran a successful Swimathon at the *Sovereign Centre*, helping various local groups to raise vital funds.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**This Lions club has closed but the need for funds remains, so a new *Eastbourne Community First Responders Swimathon* is taking place in November.**

*Eastbourne's First Responders (CFRs)* provide vital lifesaving care in their local neighbourhood or workplace until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

Coordinated by the *Southeast Coast Ambulance Service*, these volunteers come from all walks of life, from



housewives to bank managers, from retired police officers to a trainer for a fitness company.

## More installed

They also take care of the defibrillators in the area continuing the *Heartbeat Fund* instigated by the *Lions Club of Eastbourne*.

*Swimathon 2021* is to be held on Saturday, 13th, November at the *Eastbourne Sovereign Centre* and this is your invitation to get involved!

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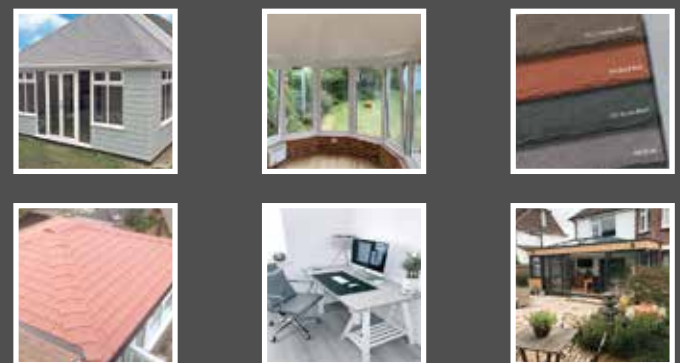
Meanwhile, more defibrillators have been installed.

*St Winfred's* and *St Nicolas* Churches in *Pevensey & Westham* received one each, *West Rise Junior School* made theirs into a Public Access Defibrillator site and the *Eastbourne Angling Club* received the final one.

If you are a community group, youth group, charitable organisation, or a resident of Eastbourne you can have one of these defibrillators for a donation of £500.

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# Well done Brewers!



**THE annual *World's Biggest Coffee Morning* in aid of *Macmillan Cancer Support* was staged at the end of September and members of *Eastbourne AM Rotary Club* were busy fundraising since 7am!**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**Brewers very kindly hosted around 35 guests, including Eastbourne MP Caroline Ansell, council leader David Tutt and Mayor Pat Rodohan.**

Around £500 was raised.

Joint Club President David Barker said: "It was a great breakfast, all

due to the generosity of *Brewers* – what great support they provide to the local community.

"Our members and friends also did a splendid job, helping us raise a significant amount for this amazing charity.

"We have supported the *World's Biggest Coffee Morning* for many years now as a club, and we are very proud to do so."



# East Sussex College hosting Higher Education Open Events

**THE College will welcome prospective students into its campuses in Eastbourne, Hastings, and Lewes for Open Events so they can learn more about the degree opportunities and get a feel of what it's like to study there.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**The College's Open Events will be taking place on the dates below and will be running between 4.30pm and 7.00pm – you can arrive whenever you wish during this time.**

**The Eastbourne events will take place on 3rd and 4th November.**

Visitors will be able to talk to subject leaders about their degree courses, have a tour of the campus and ask questions about student finance. The events are perfect for anyone thinking about starting a degree this year or next year.

David Fowler, Head of Higher Education at *East Sussex College*, said, "We're really excited to be putting on some Open Events! This is an excellent opportunity for anyone thinking about starting a degree to come and find out more, talk to our expert lecturers, and see why studying with us is a really attractive option.

"We offer lots of different degree courses with fantastic support and really great success rates, so you don't have to worry if you've been out of education for a little while, or if you have other commitments while you study.

"If over the past few months, you've decided to change your career goals or you want to retrain or re-skill, then our degrees can open up so many opportunities for you, not just in the local area, but nationally and internationally."

The College politely ask that you only attend the open events if:

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# Breaking away to give a much needed break for young people

**EASTBOURNE AM Rotary Club staged its annual Breakaway weekend at the end of September.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**It works with SASBAH – The Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus – on the project.**

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Rom Sanglaji is CEO of SASBAH and a Rotarian.

He said: "Members of the SASBAH really needed this weekend after the challenges of Covid.

"Breakaway is a great partnership between Rotary and a charity, making a real difference to people's young lives."

The weekend away was at *Lodge Hill* near Pulborough in West Sussex. Activities included abseiling, on the zip wire and other very challenging activities.





# Halloween fun at Sharnfold Farm

**SPOOKY season is on its way, and *Sharnfold Farm* at Stone Cross has a family-friendly October Half Term & Halloween event just for you.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**The event is a great way to get children out of the house and into the spirit of Halloween so come along and be part of the monstrously good fun on offer down on the farm.**

The spooky event kicks off on Saturday 23rd October and is running everyday through to the 31st.

There have been some very curious things going on recently at *Sharnfold Farm*.

Staff are calling on the help of all brave young hunters to come along and help solve the mystery of the *Bewitched Monster Trail*!

We dare you to head off on an adventure along the Trail and put your hunting skills to the test and see if you can find the monsters hiding along the way and collect and unscramble the letters to figure out the mystery spell word.

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Running from October 26th–31st, there are also 30 minute craft session (additional fees apply) in the undercover Sussex barn.

Children will be able to create their own spooky monster magnet and Halloween scratch-art mask that they can wear around the farm and take home to scare unsuspecting friends and family.

The activity is available in pre-bookable 30 minute time slots.

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Prices on the door for the *Bewitched Monster Hunt Trail* ONLY will be £4.00 per child (includes prize, activity sheet and entry) and £3.00 per adult. But please note we cannot guarantee entry on the door if the farm is busy (to keep it COVID safe), so it's best to book your tickets

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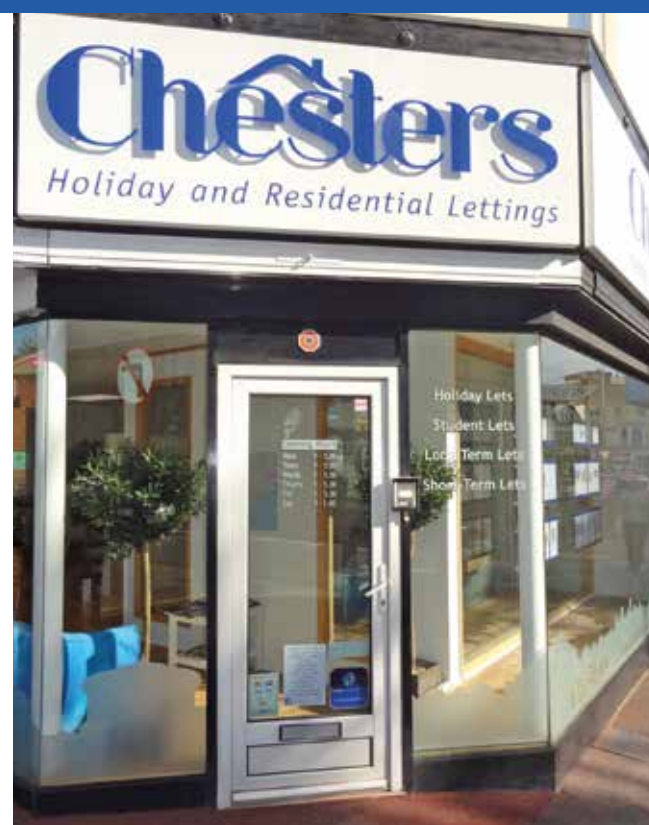
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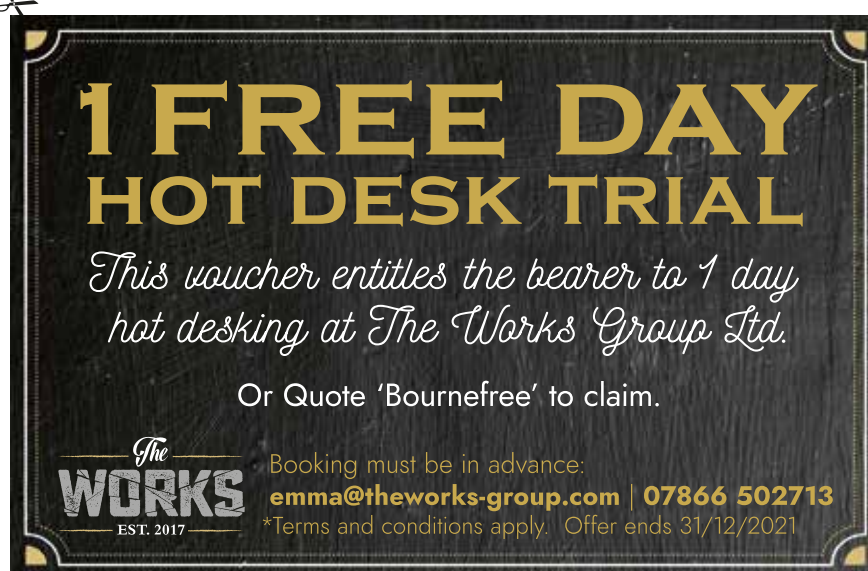
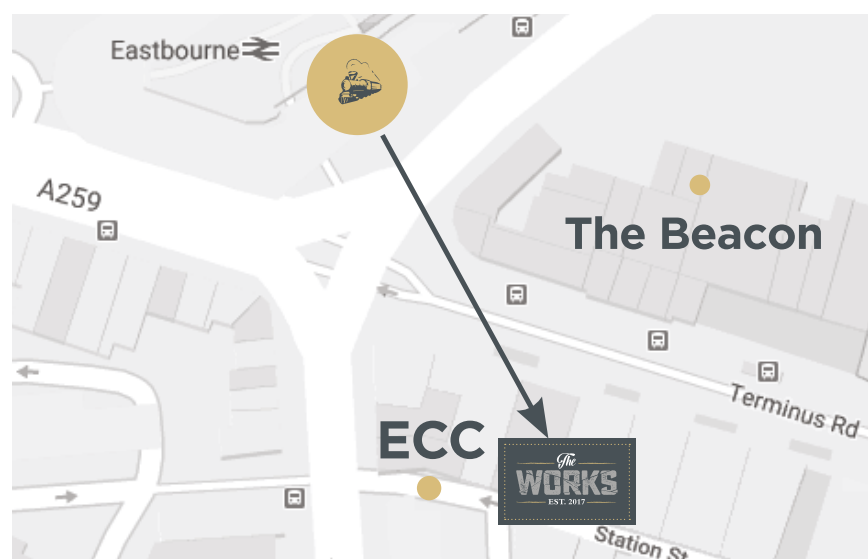
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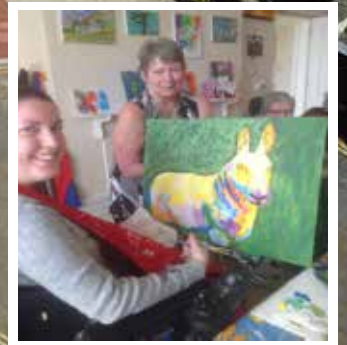


# The Chaseley Trust

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# Specialist services at Chaseley

**THE Chaseley Trust does not only care and support their residents living at the home, but they also have a dedicated Therapy team.**

By **Jodie Cornford**

**It consists of a Therapy Service Manager, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Therapy Assistants, who all have direct links with the NHS to support their Outpatient Therapy services.**

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Should you wish to be referred to Chaseley, you need to ask your GP to complete a HSCC Form along with a report summarising your needs and including details of any other services that have been explored and why they are not appropriate.

Upon receipt of the referral, you will initially be assessed by a Physiotherapist who will discuss the treatment programme with you, based on your medical condition. They will identify your needs and goals, set therapy interventions, and target a treatment plan to conclude the treatment pathway, including any referrals to different agencies and services if appropriate. Your programme of treatment will be regularly monitored by the Physiotherapist to ensure the interventions are still applicable.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk about our Therapy Outpatient Services, then please call the team on **01323 744203** or email **Therapies@chaseleytrust.org**



**The Chaseley Trust was established in Eastbourne in 1946 by Dr Ludwig Guttman to care for soldiers returning from the Second World War with spinal injuries.**

Today, *The Chaseley Trust* team delivers first-class long and short-term nursing, respite care and rehabilitation to approximately 150 residents with complex disabilities, who, without intervention, face a deterioration in their condition.

Residents come from all parts of the UK to stay at their 55-bed home, because of their specialism in caring for people with a brain or spinal cord injury and other

neurological disabilities. Their multi-disciplinary approach to care and rehabilitation includes physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, alongside social and recreational activities ensuring that people have independence and control over their lives. The ethos of the charity remains the same as when first founded 75 years ago, to enable people with disabilities to lead a full and active life despite their disabilities.

For further information on the charity please contact: Jodie Cornford, Fundraising Manager via email at: **jodie@chaseleytrust.org** or call **01323 744200**.



The Chaseley Trust turns 75 this year and as part of their anniversary plans, they have recently launched a £375,000 fundraising appeal to modernise, update and refresh Chaseley. If you would like to donate to Chaseley's 75th fundraising appeal, please visit their website at: **[www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Chaseley75thAnniversaryAppeal](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Chaseley75thAnniversaryAppeal)**

If you feel that you could support Chaseley by making them your Charity of the Year or potentially host an event on their behalf, please contact Jodie on **01323 744200** or **[fundraising@chaseleytrust.org](mailto:fundraising@chaseleytrust.org)**



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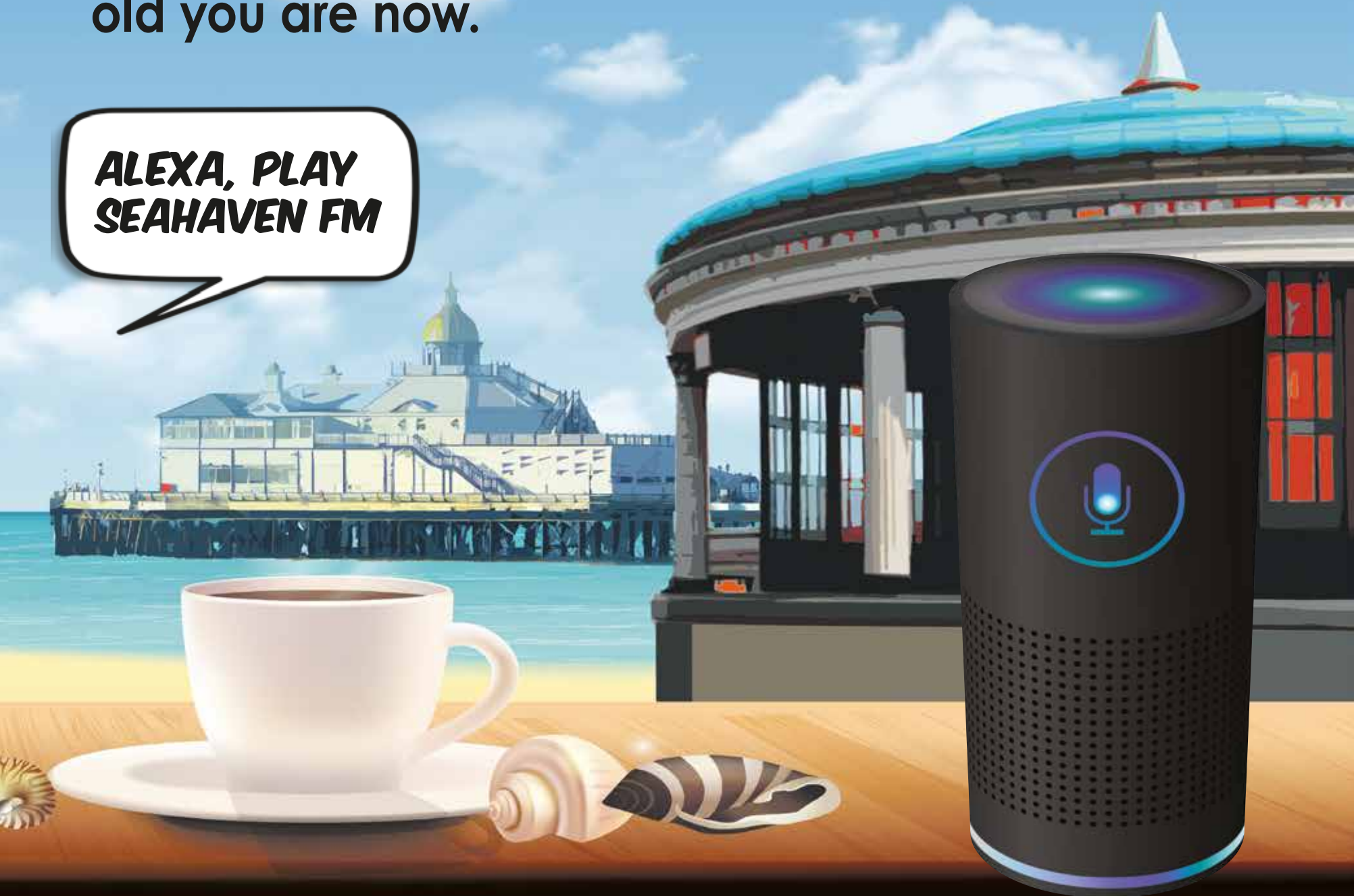
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# Marvellous Wyntercon is back

**THE annual Wyntercon Charity Showcase is a family-friendly event celebrating all things fantasy, sci-fi, film and TV.**

By **Andy Kybett**

**On 30th & 31st October 2021 Wyntercon VIII returns to its original home, Eastbourne's newly refurbished Winter Garden along with the new exhibition halls located in the adjoining Welcome Building.**

## Helping the community

The Wyntercon charity's goal is to help the community and encourage individuals to gain confidence

through experiencing new activities and learning new skills.

## So much to see and do

At this year's event, you can join in one of our many workshops, including junk modelling, Makaton signing skills and accessible sports. Learn some awesome lightsabre moves to rival any Jedi (or Sith) by visiting our *Lightsabre Academy*. Or why not feed your imagination in a table top roleplaying game taster session? Circus Skills, Virtual Reality, Magic and more, there is so much to see and do at Wyntercon VIII!

Packed with exhibitors including a wide range of Businesses, Artists, Authors and other Creative Talents, a brilliant selection of goods will be on display and available for purchase. From graphic novels, film & TV memorabilia, props & collectables to RPG accessories, artisan confectionery and bespoke apparel, there will be something for everyone.

## Cosplay Competition

Our hugely popular Cosplay Competition will run both days including a separate children's category. With prizes and trophies to be won, this is a great opportunity to show us your creations. Please check out our website where you'll find our Cosplay Guidelines and Competition Entry Forms.

So mark the date on your calendar, program your droid to remind you and get your tickets now for a homecoming more exciting than Spiderman's!

For more information and to purchase tickets please go to:

**[www.wyntercon.org](http://www.wyntercon.org)**

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# Cheers! Time for Eastbourne Beer Festival

**THE popular Eastbourne Beer Festival takes place from 18th–20th November and will be held in the town's newly refurbished *Winter Garden*.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**The event is run by Eastbourne Borough Council's events team in conjunction with the Campaign for Real Ale – CAMRA – and the three-day festival promises to give beer drinkers a mouth-watering selection of tipples.**

Also joining the drinks line up will be a selection of ciders, perries, gins, wines and soft drinks.

Drinks can be purchased in half or full pints and are served from chilled casks. All drinks must be bought with tokens at £12 per sheet, which can be purchased from ticket booths in the venue.

## Superb line up

Time at the bar is called 10 minutes prior to closing of the session with 10 minutes 'drinking up time'.



Image by Graham Huntley.

There will also be various food offerings throughout the festival including sandwiches and hot meals.

The weekend soundtrack will come courtesy of a superb line up of musicians performing on the live stage across all three days – Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Customers are advised that tickets must be collected ahead of the event or posted out.

While COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted since July 19, those attending the beer festival are asked to take lateral flow tests ahead of attending the event.

Customers are also requested to regularly sanitise and maintain social distancing when moving around the venue. Customers are also encouraged to take lateral flows tests before and after attending the event, however this is not a condition of entry.

## Book early!

Online ticket prices start from £9 per adult with discounts for students and CAMRA members.

Sessions are available Thursday 5.30pm–10.30pm, Friday 6pm–11pm, and Saturday 11.30am–4.30pm and 6pm–11pm.

To book tickets visit:  
[www.EastbourneBeerFestival.co.uk](http://www.EastbourneBeerFestival.co.uk)  
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# Picture pawfect finalists for Drusillas

**DRUSILLAS Zoo Park has revealed the winners of its annual *Animal Photographer of the Year Competition*, sharing all the picture pawfect finalist entries.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**Budding photographers were competing in three categories: *Animal Photographer of the Year* (open to anyone, on any device), *Fledgling Photographer of the Year* (open to under 13s), and *Mobile Photographer of the Year* (open for photos taken on mobile phones only).**

*Animal Photographer of the Year* is 19 year old Violet Burgess for her touching portrait of an otter mum and baby entitled 'I've Got You'. The category was open to all ages, on any device. Violet's submission, shot on a Canon 200D, was voted as the winner after receiving 459 public votes.

## Thrilled

*Mobile Photographer of the Year* is Jamie Stewart-Brown for her photo of a meerkat titled 'Standing Sentry'.



# Running for the Kids Count Project



**YOU may have already heard about the *Kids Count Project*, based in Hailsham.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**It was set up to help families in the area with bundles, including clothing, food, equipment and day-to-day essentials (new and almost new) for children and newborn babies. They provide support for families in dire need.**

Gail McKay, our *Bournefree* Sales Manager is a keen supporter. "I've chosen *Kids Count* this year as my charity for running/shuffling around the Beachy Head 10K on 24th October. They help 800 families a year, and demand for their services is only growing, sadly."

You can add to the total here: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gail-mckay-kidscountproject](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gail-mckay-kidscountproject) or contact Mary Laxton, the founder, on her Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/groups/Kidscountproject/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Kidscountproject/) for details on how to donate items directly.

This was open to all ages. Jamie's entry, shot on an iPhone 12 and gained the most public votes by a long way.

Jamie Stewart-Brown spoke about her entry: "I'm thrilled to have been voted as the winner! After visiting *Drusillas* for the first time with my husband and son back in August, I started following them on Instagram which is where I saw the competition. I submitted my entry (you have to be in it to win it, right?!) There were some fabulous entries, I was shocked to have won!"

*Fledgling Photographer of the Year* is 11 year old Olly Nea for his photo entitled 'Sleepy Fennec'.

We asked Olly Nea what he thought about winning the competition: "I can't believe I've actually won. I was at *Drusillas* for the day with my uncle to take photos of the squirrel monkeys, red pandas and lemurs. I would like to be a zoo keeper for monkeys. I got a camera for my birthday a couple of years ago. I'm learning how to use it!"

To see the full gallery of finalist images, and choose your own favourites head to *Drusillas'* website.



*Drusillas* offers fabulous *Zoo Photography Days* perfect for wannabe wildlife photographers, offering exclusive access inside the animal enclosures, one-on-one time with their in-house photographer and a dedicated Keeper for the day. Experiences can be booked online via their website.

<https://www.drusillas.co.uk/news/winners-of-drusillas-animal-photographer-of-the-year-2021-announced>.





# Students return to Herstmonceux

**STUDENTS** have this month returned to the **Bader International Study Centre** based at **Herstmonceux Castle** after an 18-month gap without them during the **COVID-19** pandemic.

By **Peter Lindsey**

**Students returned to their home countries in March 2020 as the pandemic swept across the globe, cutting short their studies and time at the Castle which is owned and run by Queen's University located in Ontario, Canada.**

Courses were rapidly converted to an online version and the Castle fell silent as not only students fled but the Castle was forced to close its doors to visitors as well.

## Green list

The Castle reopened to the public in April of this year, but it's taken until this September for courses to restart in person with a raft of Covid safety

measures being put in place to protect students, staff and the visiting public.

Most students have travelled to the Castle from Canada, a green list country, with a small number coming from other countries and having to undergo a ten-day quarantine period before they could join their classmates.

Safety measures in place include all students and staff wearing facemasks in Castle buildings and daily monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

## 100 local jobs

Dr J Hugh Horton, Vice Provost and Executive Director at the *Bader International Study Centre* said: "We are delighted to have students back and for near to normal life to have returned to the Castle. It's been a very strange 18 months during which

we successfully moved our provision online, but nothing can match the outstanding experience we are able to offer students in person. We have taken every step possible to ensure our reopening is done in a safe manner for not only our students but also for our staff and visitors to the Castle."

The Castle has operated at a campus of *Queen's University* since the mid 1990's and is home to approximately

150 fee paying students at any one time, supporting 100 local jobs, and attracting £5m a year from the University which ensures the Castle, an important heritage site and part of the East Sussex landscape, is able to stay open to the public.

*Queen's University* is one of Canada's oldest universities and a member of the U15 group of leading Canadian research universities.

It was also recently ranked 5th in the world in the *Times Higher Education Impact Rankings*, an assessment of over 1,100 universities for their work on sustainability.

Students, staff and local representatives were recently invited to congregate in a marquee at the Castle for the official Opening Ceremony at which every student and new member of staff is presented with an official scarf.

Students were not only welcomed by the academic staff at the Centre but also by Herstmonceux resident and Board member, Alan McInnes.



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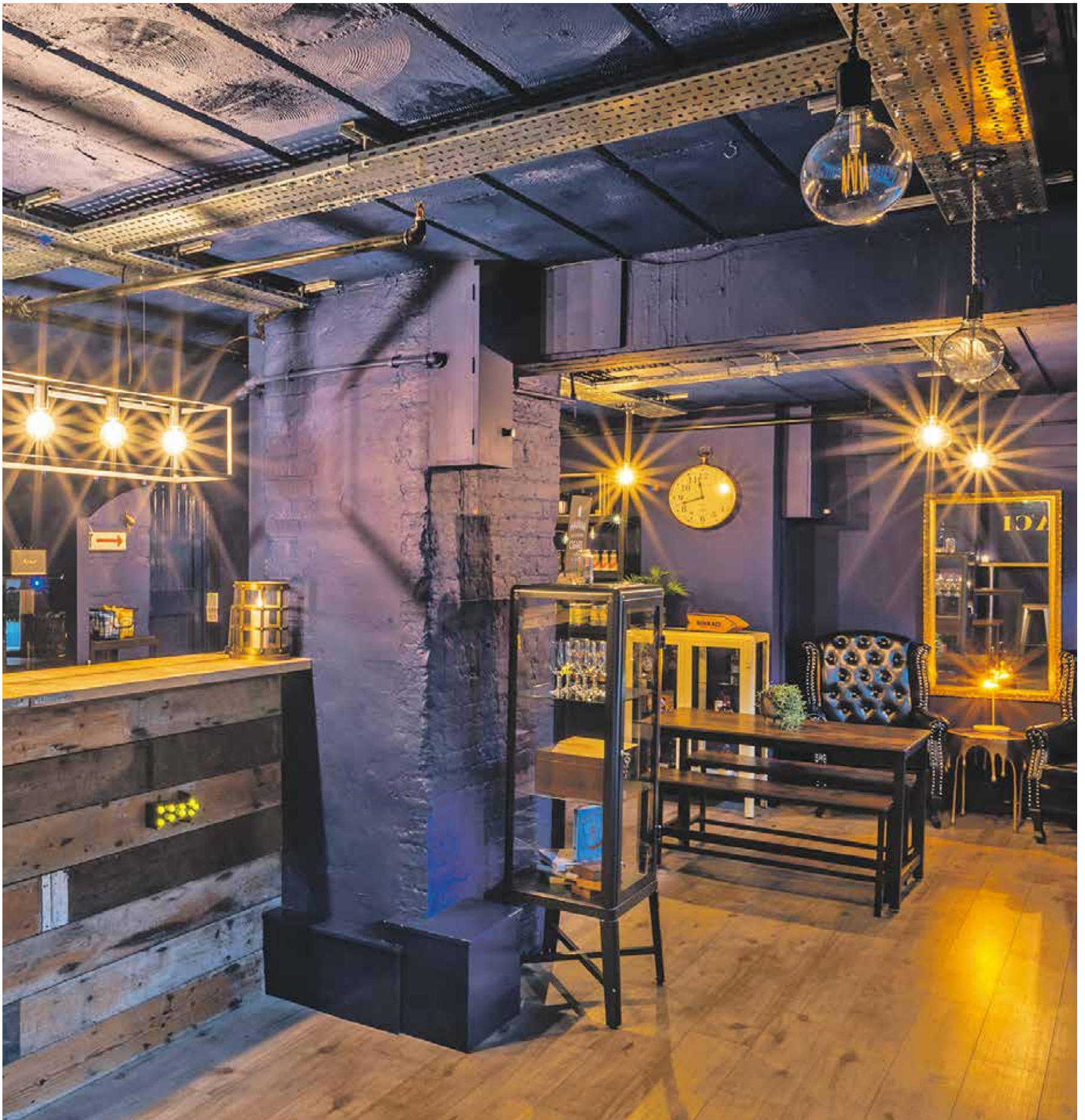
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By **Emily Sander**  
Photos by **Alex Read**

**An eye-catching dried floral display, lovingly created by *Flowers of Eastbourne*, frames the entrance, the perfect backdrop for your selfies.**

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Jo and Andy Plumbley, from the award-winning pub *The Crown* in Old Town, have brought their skill and expertise to this new venture and feedback has been wonderful! Their vision is to offer Eastbourne and surrounding areas an alternative with specialist craft beers in a chic and relaxed setting.

## Local breweries

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## Snack paddles

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Growlers, fill with your choice of beer and then bring it back for a refill when you're ready.

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# Eastbourne bubbles over for the latest arrival at The Beacon

**THE latest opening in *The Beacon* has Eastbourne shoppers bubbling over with excitement.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**Daily queues for *Pearls Bubble Tea* have been seen since it opened in the shopping centre this month and owner Peter Aaen (pictured) admits the reaction has exceeded all expectations.**

The entrepreneur, who runs the family business that opened its first store in Brighton nine years ago, said: "We've been inundated since opening in *The Beacon*. The reaction has exceeded what we had hoped. As soon as school finishes, we have queues outside but it's not only students, we are seeing a wide variety of people wanting to try what's on offer."

## Grab and go

Although bubble tea is now widely known, when Peter opened his first store in Brighton, the concept was relatively new to the UK, though not in the Far East where it is available on every street corner.

Bubble tea originated in Taiwan back in the 1980s and in its most basic form is made using mildly-brewed red tea mixed with condensed milk brewed over a layer black tapioca pearls. Today, there is a huge range of variations on the original theme and it is a drink with either a base of green or black tea infused with a variety of creamy extracts or natural fruit flavourings. It can be served either ice cold or piping hot.

## Right location

Peter said: "I think it's so popular because it's a grab and go drink. It's thirst-quenching but you don't have to sit down and drink it. Bubble tea is refreshing with lots of flavours and it's a snack and drink all in one. Every single drink is made to order and can be customised so you can have it with all kinds of different toppings – we have over 40 flavours with different levels of sweetness."

Since opening in Brighton, Peter has opened nine other stores including Leeds, Sheffield and Leicester but this is only his second on the south coast.

He explained: "We'd been looking at Eastbourne for a while because we thought it was a really nice town centre but then Covid delayed things. When we think about opening a new store, we look for the right location that feels right for the business. *The Beacon* ticked all the boxes."

Before setting up *Pearls Bubble Tea*, Peter worked in a highly stressful London technology job, then decided to switch to working for himself and take a risk with a new venture.

Peter said: "It was a huge gamble. I left London for Brighton because I thought it was a place quirky enough for the idea to work. The concept really took off and we've never looked back."

The new Eastbourne store employs nine people and Peter hopes that



he can soon offer home delivery to local customers.

James Roberts, director of *The Beacon*, said: "It has been fantastic

to see queues in the centre for *Pearls Bubble Tea*. It is a great addition to *The Beacon* and our customers are making clear just how popular the concept is."

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# 50 Year Anniversary and the future

**THIS year, 2021, the Carr Taylor family is celebrating 50 years of growing and making wine in England.**

By **Gail McKay**

**As one of the oldest commercial vineyards in the UK it is one of the pioneering businesses that brought the potential of English wine to an unsuspecting consumer more familiar with continental fare.**



The UK wine industry has changed considerably since then but the business continues to thrive due to its passion, adaptability and commercial approach. In that time it has survived a number of recessions, sceptical consumers, changing wine fashions, a huge increase in new vineyards and wineries, not to mention the vagaries of the British climate.

## World leader

David and Linda Carr Taylor established their first vineyard in 1971; their son Alexander 'planting' the first vine at 18 months old. Today he now runs the day to day vineyard and winemaking operations with David and Linda still involved in promoting the brand.

They were one of the first producers of commercial sparkling wine in the country back in the 80's, establishing the direction of travel that the industry has taken over the intervening years to become a world leader in quality bottle fermented sparkling wine.

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Over the years they have won over 200 national and international awards including Gold medals in France in 1989 and 1999 for their sparkling wines right through to a Silver for

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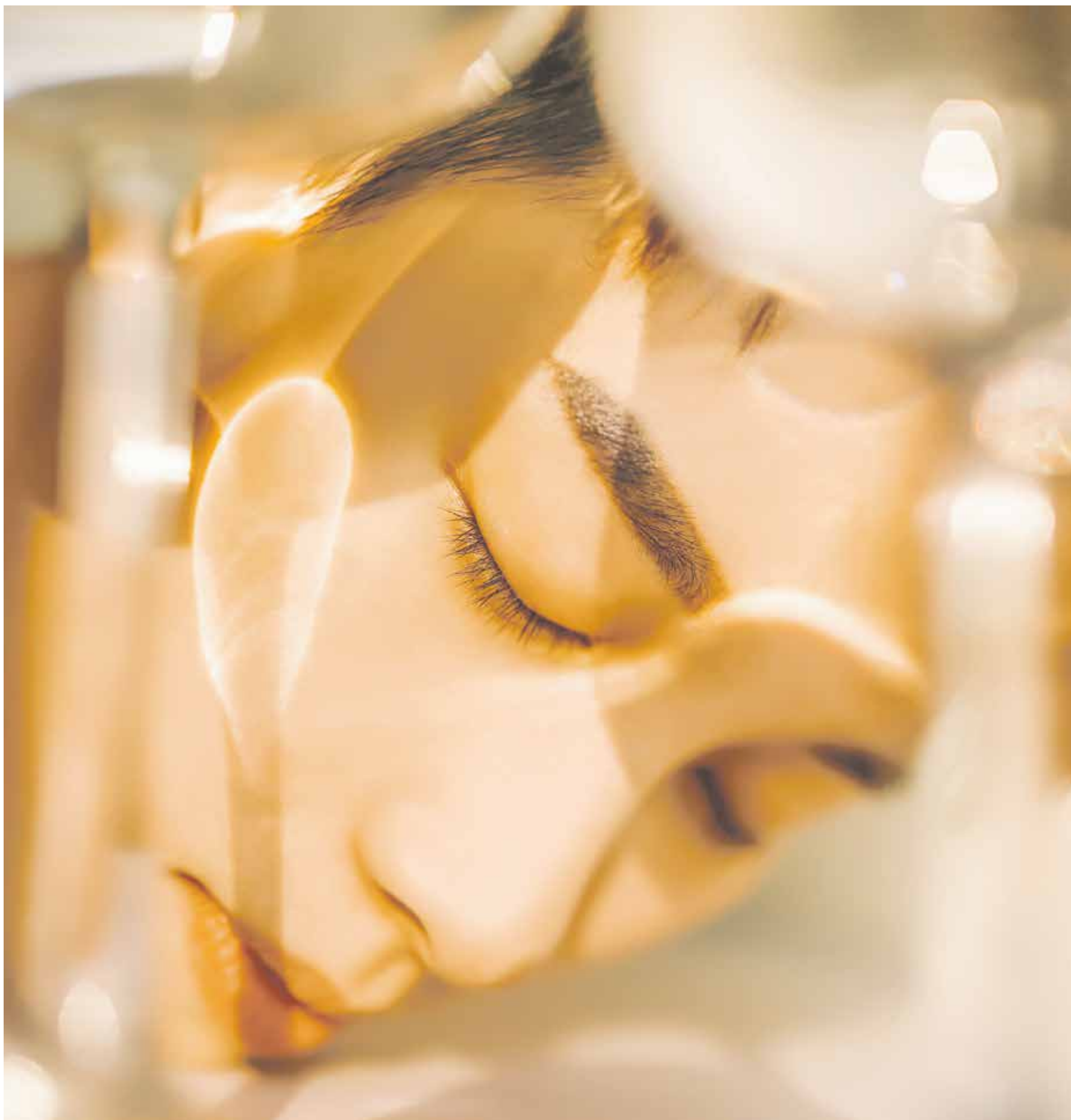
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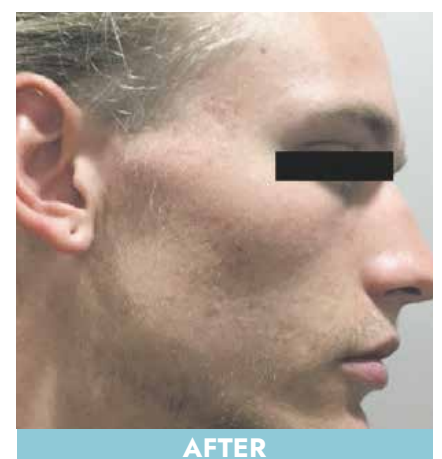
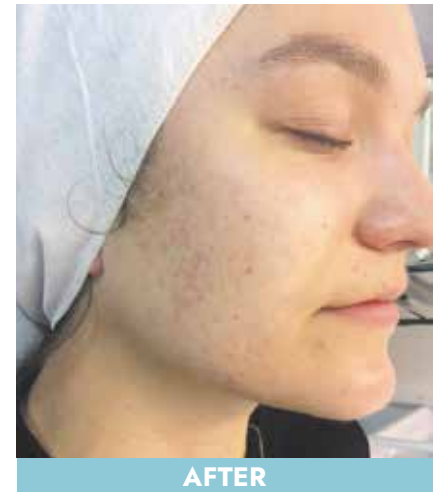
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**A PIONEERING digital medical practice, the first of its kind in the UK, has opened in *The Beacon*.**

By **Peter Lindsey**

**Digital First: The Beacon Practice is being opened by lead partners from *Victoria Medical Centre (VMC)*, a merged practice of three GP surgeries in Eastbourne.**

By opening in a shopping centre, offering around 70% of its services online plus additional lifestyle options including NHS prescriptions for Tai Chi and access to a chef through the *NHS*

## Pioneering digital medical practice opens in The Beacon

to advise on healthy eating, the practice is the first of its kind to open in the UK.

In addition to consulting rooms, a large area at the front of the practice will be used for exhibitions and interactive events that will be open to visitors to the shopping centre.

Initially the surgery will open weekdays only from 8.30am until 6pm for patients of *VMC*, former patients of the Walk-In Centre at *Eastbourne Railway Station* that closed earlier this year, and university students, with the opportunity for anyone to use the services (if they are registered with the practice) being offered seven days a week next year.

As well as GP and nursing services, the new centre will offer access to a variety of other services including community cardiology, life coaches, mental health practitioners and nutritionists.

### Different offer

Around 1,500 university students were expected to register during Freshers' Week giving them access to services they need such as meningitis jabs and even mental health support as they settle into life away from home for the first time.

The team behind the opening of the surgery has also run the vaccination centre in *The Beacon* that has given over 40,000 Covid jabs since opening in December 2020.

Lead GP for the practice, Dr Mark Gaffney, explained there were several factors which had led to the opening of the new premises in a shopping centre.

One of the three surgeries to form the amalgamated *Victoria Medical Centre* was town centre-based practice – *The Bolton Road surgery*.

Dr Gaffney said: "We always had a town centre practice so were looking

to open a new facility in the same area. Then when it was decided that the walk-in centre at the railway station was to close, that gave us another reason to work with the *Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group* to explore opening in *The Beacon*.

"We needed it to be a different offer in the town centre that would give greater access to a wider range of services. By opening the vaccination centre in *The Beacon*, it meant we could trial the experience of working in a shopping centre.

"This is a really exciting development for us and Eastbourne. Not only can patients see GPs by coming into the surgery but they can access all our services online.

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# Crane & Co Community Support Fund

**TURNING busy markets into local community support.**

By **Mike Crane**, Managing Director, Crane & Co Estate Agents.

**In the last 12 months the Crane & Co Community Support Fund has been able to donate over £40,000 to LOCAL charities and good causes in Eastbourne and Hailsham.**

It's been quite a challenging time for us all over the last 18 months and while the property market has been booming (who knew that would be happening in a pandemic!) we've been very aware that at the same time local charities, support groups and good causes have struggled to raise funding.

It's been a delight to us all at Crane & Co to be able to make a difference in any way we can whether it's purchasing laptop computers for local schools, supporting local community clubs and local charities financially or simply helping charities and good causes get their messages out to the community. While markets boom, what could be better than turning that activity into help those who need us most.

So, THANK YOU to all our wonderful clients who entrust our team with the sale of your home which directly helps make our community support possible. Without you we couldn't do it!



Mike with Lesley Powell-Cullingford.

**The 'You Raise Me Up' charity in Polegate was founded by the late Jane Brooks and her husband Fraser in June 2011. The charity's sole purpose is to support families that have suffered the loss of a young person aged 16–25 years.**

## You Raise Me Up

In the last 10 years the charity has grown from being run by an amazing group of people in their conservatory to a dedicated team that runs a support centre and office.

Please do look at their website where there are details of how you can help, get involved and find out more about this wonderful local charity.



## St Wilfrids Hospice – Ruby Anniversary

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**STOP PRESS. Watch out for 'Paint the town red' on October 29th in celebration and support of the 40th anniversary of St Wilfrids Hospice.**



## Hailsham Cricket Juniors *'They've only gone and won it!'*

**Community Champions is certainly a perfect description for all the 'grown ups' who run and organise Hailsham Cricket Club Juniors.**

This year is a very special year for the club who have had an astonishing year and we'd like to make a special mention here of the under 13's Girls team who have been invincible this year winning the *Sussex Junior Cricket Festival* and the *League County Final* – in our view nothing less than this amazing group of young players and organisers deserve.

Coach Jim Wise said, "These girls have been absolutely amazing this season and I am so proud of not only their superb achievements but the effort they put in and the encouragement that they give each other is lovely to see, well done to each and every one of them."

Why not join the club? Whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned boundary hitter, *Hailsham Juniors* is a truly fantastic, welcoming and inclusive family cricket club – so give them a call.



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By **Gail McKay**

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Sales also introduced professional photography along with 360 virtual tours and floor plans to be a standard

part of all new properties bought to the market, this has seen properties sell quicker and giving their vendors a higher sale price agreed.

## **Fantastic team**

Sales director Daniel Crick says "It's been our best year so far and I'm immensely proud of what the sales department have achieved in 2021." Daniel further added "This all couldn't be achieved without my fantastic team behind me and the wonderful local support from all the Eastbourne

residents. We are looking forward to continuing the growth of the sales department going into 2022."

"The Ginger & Sanders Lettings divisions 9th Anniversary in 2021 arrived at a time of upheaval and peril. While the end of the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is not yet in sight, there is growing focus on the ways and means to build back better by resetting the way we provide services, socialise, and interact, within the forever changing

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# Disney's Bedknobs and Broomsticks

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By **Aimee Pugh**

**Producer Michael Harrison is thrilled to announce the cast for *Disney's Bedknobs and Broomsticks*, which will make its world premiere as an exciting new stage musical this Summer coming to the *Congress Theatre* from Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th October 2021.**

**Dianne Pilkington** will lead the cast as Miss Eglantine Price (the role immortalised on film by Angela Lansbury), the mysterious lady that the three orphaned Rawlins children are evacuated from wartime London to live with.

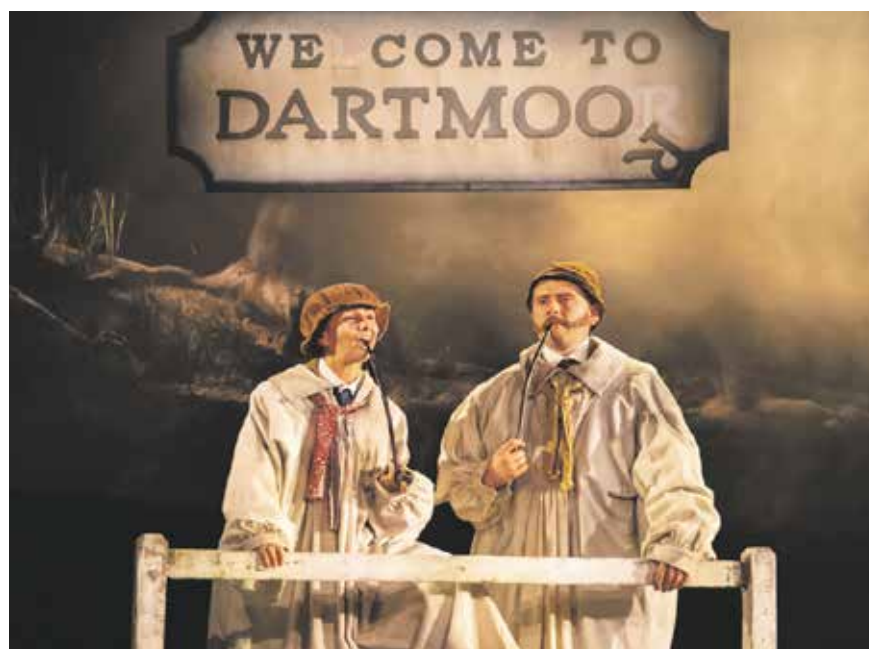
The rest of the company includes Mark Anderson, Jessica Aubrey, Georgie Buckland, Kayla Carter, Jonathan Cobb, Jacqui Dubois, Matthew Elliot-Campbell, Sam Lupton, Rob Madge, Vinnie Monachello, Nathaniel Morrison, Conor O'Hara, Sadie-Jean Shirley, Robin Simoes Da

Silva, Emma Thornett and Susannah Van Den Berg. The Rawlins children will be played by Dexter Barry, Izabella Bucknell, Haydn Court, Poppy Houghton, Evie Lightman and Aidan Oti.

Enter a world of magic and fantasy with *Disney's* classic movie *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*.

When the three orphaned Rawlins children are reluctantly evacuated from wartime London to live with the mysterious Eglantine Price, they have no idea what adventures lie ahead. Upon discovering Eglantine to be a trainee witch, they join forces to search for a secret spell that will defeat the enemy once and for all. Armed with an enchanted bedknob, a bewitched broomstick and a magical flying bed, they encounter surprising new friendships on their journey from Portobello Road to the depths of the beautiful briny sea.

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# The Hound of the Baskervilles

**DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE, EASTBOURNE**  
**26th – 30th October 2021**

By **Aimee Pugh**

**As the nights start to draw in Eastbourne's Devonshire Park Theatre offers a cosy retreat from the autumnal evenings, and the first show to re-open the beloved venue is the hilariously inventive West End smash hit *The Hound of the Baskervilles* from Original Theatre company from 26th – 30th October.**

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most celebrated adventure gets a brilliantly farcical overhaul in Lotte Wakenham's acclaimed production. World-renowned detective Sherlock Holmes and his colleague Dr Watson are asked to unravel the mystery surrounding the untimely death of Sir Charles Baskerville.

With rumours of a cursed giant hound loose on the loose moors, they must act fast to save the Baskerville family's last remaining heir, but the moon is rising and a wind is blowing in from the moors.

A hit in the West End, this ingenious adaptation combines an exhilarating

collision of farce, theatrical invention and wonderfully comic performances to offer a brand-new twist on the greatest detective story of all time. If you loved *The 39 Steps* you will simply adore this!

**Alastair Whatley**, Artistic Director of *Original Theatre Company*, said: "After the year we've all had, the production is a tonic sure to make theatres buzz with the sound of laughter. It's a show for all ages to enjoy and we cannot wait to share it with audiences in Eastbourne."

*The Hound of the Baskervilles* is at the *Devonshire Park Theatre*, Eastbourne from Tuesday 26 – Saturday 30 October, tickets priced from £20 with nightly performances at 7.45pm and Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2.30pm. To book see [eastbournetheatres.co.uk](http://eastbournetheatres.co.uk) or call **01323 412000**.

The venue is run with full COVID security systems in-place and is part of the See it Safely campaign, all tickets come with the Eastbourne Theatre Covid guarantee, for more information on how the theatres are keeping audiences safe see [eastbournetheatres.co.uk/your-visit](http://eastbournetheatres.co.uk/your-visit)





# Chance to support the theatres in a brand-new way



**EASTBOURNE Theatres are proud to launch a new membership scheme this autumn, *Ovation*.**

By **Aimee Pugh**

**This brand-new scheme offers a range of benefits and is an opportunity for audiences to support the theatres in a brand-new way.**

This is a chance for audiences to show their support, and in return experience a raft of benefits and

become part of *Eastbourne Theatres* team with *Ovation* – *The Eastbourne Theatres Membership scheme*.

The scheme has 3 levels, starting with £25 for a year-long membership which offers benefits including priority booking, on-sale notifications, and monthly email updates.

*Ovation Plus* members can enjoy additional incentives including ticket discounts on selected theatre shows,

money off at *The Stage Door Pub*, Theatre Bars and the popular *DQ Café*, membership pins and cards.

*Ovation Premium Membership*, gives members exclusive access to backstage tours plus access to private events and much more.

This is the first time the theatres have offered this opportunity to be a supporter of the venues and the chance to unlock access to additional benefits.

To celebrate the launch the first members to sign-up will receive an exclusive *Ovation* limited edition

goodie bag – but once these bags have gone they've gone!

For full details about the new *Ovation Membership scheme* and how to join see [eastbournetheatres.co.uk](http://eastbournetheatres.co.uk) or call the box office on **01323 412000**.



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Being Mr Wickham: **4 – 6 Nov**

The Smeds and The Smoos: **15 – 17 Nov**

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: **23 – 27 Nov**

Sleeping Beauty – Pantomime: **10 Dec – 9 Jan**

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*Liquid Gestures*

**Margaret  
Mellis**

*Modernist Constructs*

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Melissa Gordon, *Female Readymade (Intestines, Mabel's painting, sleeve, hole, test painting, large erasure)*, 2019. Photo: Kristien Daem

Margaret Mellis, *F*, 1997 © Margaret Mellis Estate. Courtesy of The Redfern Gallery





# Melissa Gordon

## *Liquid Gestures*

**TOWNER Eastbourne is pleased to present a series of new works by Melissa Gordon. The presentation, *Liquid Gestures*, will be the largest institutional exhibition of work by the artist to date.**

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**Formed of a series of new paintings and installation works, it invites us to reconsider the influence of women artists whose work has been eclipsed in art historical prose.**

Melissa Gordon (b.1981, Cambridge, USA) is an artist, curator, and writer, whose practice is concerned with the body, gesture, and painting, through the lens of feminism. *Liquid Gestures* is a solo exhibition featuring large-scale paintings that further her examination of modern art histories, ideas of authorship, and the appropriation of certain 'gestures'.

In recent works, a grid, mesh, or chainlink fence, is the first image silkscreened directly onto the canvas, creating a framework that plays host to an array of intriguing references.

Photographs and texts relating to her research are then painted or printed onto the surface, while outlines and silhouettes of painting tools, clothing, and domestic objects slip over and under colourful swathes of paint. Traversing between figuration and abstraction, these brushstrokes and pools of colour have been re-painted and reproduced from the incidental mark-making on Gordon's studio wall with an almost forensic examination of gesture.

Gordon invites us to consider the significance and influence of artists such as Janet Sobel in relation to the drip painting and Dada poet Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven in relation to the readymade. Their contributions to art history have been eclipsed in a culture of gender inequality that is noticeably persistent even today.

Image: Melissa Gordon, *Female Readymade* (Rope, belt, Attie's drawing, wood shape, intestine, painting), 2019. Photo: Kristien Daem



# Margaret Mellis

## *Modernist Constructs*

**TOWNER Eastbourne is pleased to present the first institutional exhibition in over a decade by British artist Margaret Mellis (1914–2009), one of the first and last survivors of the group of modernist artists that came together in St Ives, Cornwall, in the 1940s.**

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**In 1939, aware of impending war, the artists Margaret Mellis and her husband Adrian Stokes relocated from London to St Ives in Cornwall.**

Their move would become a significant catalyst in the formation of *The St Ives School*, which also included Ben Nicholson, Barbara Hepworth and Wilhelmina Barnes-Graham, who had followed them to St Ives. The school is heavily aligned with the story of British Modernism, with many of the artists becoming well-known. Margaret Mellis however remains largely overlooked.

This exhibition draws from Mellis' extensive repertoire of work, spanning her career and illuminating the breadth of her practice and underlying narratives: it brings together her early experiments in collage under the guidance of Ben Nicholson and Naum Gabo in the 1940s, the vibrant abstracts of

the 1950s and 1960s (reminiscent to those of her friend and contemporary William Gear), and the contemplative, yet playful driftwood constructions that dominated the final twenty years of her practice.

The strength of Mellis' work lies in her confident and relentless exploration of colour and form both on canvas and through her re-appropriation of objects. *Modernist Constructs* introduces and reveals Mellis' artistic accomplishments, whilst aligning her within the British Modernist movement.

Exhibitions and Collections curator Karen Taylor, *Towner Eastbourne*, says, "The strength of Mellis' work lies in her confident and relentless exploration of colour and form both on canvas and through her re-appropriation of objects. *Modernist Constructs* introduces and reveals Mellis' artistic accomplishments."

Image: Margaret Mellis, *The Bottom of The Deep Blue Sea*, 1996–97. Courtesy of The Redfern Gallery.



# STEM ambassador and children's author to attend Wyntercon VIII

**DR Paul Ian Cross, author of the Amazon bestseller *The Lights of Time*, will be a special guest at Wyntercon VIII this October.**

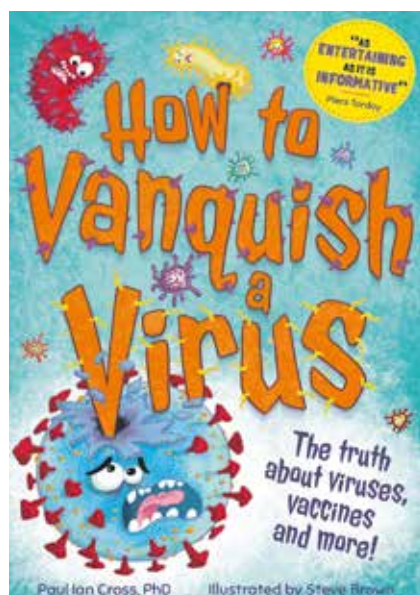
By **Gail McKay**

**Dr Paul's new book *How to Vanquish a Virus – The truth about viruses, vaccines and more!* was published in May 2021.**

*How to Vanquish a Virus* publishes to tie in with the latest urgent government initiative – to educate the next generation. This accessible blend of fascinating facts, fun quotes and up-to-date science stories makes for a reassuring and approachable non-fiction read on 2021's hottest topic.

## Answer questions

Dr Paul has over 20 years' scientific research behind him, and sets out to answer all our questions. What does a virus look like? How is it passed from person to person? And who are the men and women currently making history? Fans of *Horrible Histories* will love this book – and parents might learn something, too!



Dr Paul holds a degree in Microbiology, a Master's in Clinical Research and a PhD in science communication, presenting with passion and expertise to non-scientists. Working with the World Health Organisation, NHS and the STEM Ambassadors Network, Paul regularly presents on the pandemic and vaccine programme, and has engaged around STEM with people ranging from Bill Bailey to James Patterson.

## Sharing science

Dr Paul's passion is improving science literacy and one of his favourite ways of sharing science is through science fiction storytelling and talking about his favourite comics, books, movies and TV shows. That's why he can't wait to go to Wyntercon VIII.

[www.pauliancross.com/books](http://www.pauliancross.com/books)



# Artists wanted for poppy fundraiser

**AN Eastbourne resident is looking to create a poppy display to be shown from her house in Vicarage Road for the Remembrance period.**

By **Gail McKay**

**This will (hopefully) take the form of hundreds of poppies in a cascade, and she is looking for volunteers to make some in any shape or form, be it crocheted, knitted, metal, plastic, all ideas welcome.**

This idea was prompted by the *Eastbourne Heritage* campaign some years ago remembering Eastbourne's WW1 heroes when vinyls of individuals were placed on pavements around the town, one of which was placed outside the house where the display will take place.

The company who created these vinyls, *Signtek*, have kindly agreed to recreate a few in laminated form which will also be on display.

A *Just Giving* page will be created, all donations going to the *Royal British Legion*.

This is such a worthy cause, and simultaneously will encourage the many passing schoolchildren to ask questions.

If you can help in any way, please contact Eileen Digby-Rogers at: [eilsmfox@btinternet.com](mailto:eilsmfox@btinternet.com)







# Eastbourne G&S returns with a swashbuckling show!

**AFTER** more than two years waiting in the wings during the global pandemic, *Eastbourne Gilbert & Sullivan Society* is finally returning to the beautiful *Devonshire Park Theatre* in Eastbourne, with one of the most popular G&S operettas: *The Pirates of Penzance*.

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By **Andy Thomas**

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**The society will be amongst the first performers to tread the boards of the newly reopened theatre, when its production takes residence there from 10th–13th November.**

Originally scheduled for May 2020, the show has been twice postponed and with changes to the cast, and navigating the various restrictions, it has been a long and complicated road to performing again. But according to producer Rowan Stanfield, it has been well worth it: "It has been wonderful to be together again after so long, and there is a real sense of excitement

amongst the company. We have worked hard to secure a talented cast, including many new younger members, who are fast falling for the unique charms of Gilbert & Sullivan" says Rowan "it's our hope that this buzz will rub off on the audiences, too. We want to send them away feeling utterly uplifted by the enduring humour and beautiful music of *The Pirates of Penzance*".

For tickets please visit:  
[www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk/events/pirates-penzance](http://www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk/events/pirates-penzance) or call  
**01323 412000**.

For more information about the society, please visit:  
[www.EastbourneGandS.com](http://www.EastbourneGandS.com)

A promotional poster for the play "The Pirates of Penzance". The background is a deep blue with a silhouette of a pirate ship on the right. On the left, a woman in a white, lace-trimmed dress and a large, ornate hat with yellow flowers is shown from the back. The title "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE" is written in large, yellow, serif capital letters. Below the title, in white sans-serif font, is "Devonshire Park Theatre" and "10th-13th November 2021". At the bottom, the website "www.EastbourneGandS.com" and the phone number "01323 412000" are displayed in white. A small circular logo with "EASTBOURNE G&S" is in the bottom right corner.

**THE PIRATES  
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**Devonshire Park Theatre  
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# Green and pleasant

**OCTOBER is definitely the time for clearing up – greenhouses, ponds, gutters and water butts may all need cleaning out. Wooden garden furniture will need covering or storing for the winter and terracotta pots may need bringing inside, so that they don't freeze and crack. If you don't already have a compost heap or bin, October is a great time to start one, with all the leaves and cuttings to be disposed of!**

By **Geoff Stonebanks**

**Sunday 31st October is Halloween and that is also the day the clocks go back, giving everyone an extra hour in bed to prepare for the event! If you have children, you may have a go at creating lanterns from pumpkins purchased at the supermarket or perhaps you've grown some yourself! They look great displayed in the garden or by the front door.**

## Chrysanthemums

A very common plant to have in the garden at this time of year is the ever-popular chrysanthemum or "pot mum". They are perfect to be placed in containers and bloom well into autumn and beyond. You can find

them for sale everywhere in a large variety of colours, in the header are some lemon ones in the garden at *Driftwood*. Care of container grown mums is relatively easy. You may want to repot it as soon as you get it home to give it room to grow. If you are careful and keep it well watered, you should be able to enjoy their blooms throughout the autumn months and possibly even the next spring.

## Charity fundraising at *Driftwood*

This year, despite the weather and the impact of the pandemic, I have been able to hand over £12,868 to *Macmillan Cancer Support*, £8,281 from the garden trail I single-handedly organise and £4,857 from events in my own garden, along with a further £1,864 to the *National Garden Scheme*. A grand total of £14,722 raised in 2021.

We've seen almost 700 visitors, some as a direct result of the whole page feature on the garden in the June issue of this magazine. The money has been raised through charging an entrance fee which includes a talk by me about the garden's creation, needless to say, many purchased my infamous tea and cakes when visiting which helped boost the fundraising. I have baked almost 600 portions of cake to sell in the garden with cappuccino cake being the firm favourite.

The main highlight this year has been, almost hitting, a running total of £100K fundraising for *Macmillan* since 2012. Whilst I'll claim full credit as the person creating the means by which the money can be raised, it is always a great team effort from all the many garden owners on the trail, the many supporters, visitors and volunteers. I have been blown away by several large donations made to me at *Driftwood* this summer too, totalling almost £1,000. Thank you all, we'll do it all again in 2022. The grand total of all monies now raised for all charities since 2009, has now topped £152,400.

## Winter preparations

Traditionally, October is the month to lift tender summer bulbs such as gladioli and dahlias and store in a cool, dry place. I've carefully lifted mine and will store in the covered side alley. It is also the month to cut back perennials, but I've recently read a new school of thought says leaving the dead stems is good for wildlife and may also provide protection for the roots. Traditionalists will claim the stems harbour pests and diseases. Horticulturally, it makes little difference when they're cut back as long as it's done before new growth starts next spring.

## New beginnings

This month sees a mini-digger arrive in my back garden! The last few weeks have been spent preparing the

area to be radically changed. Plants have been dug up and safely retained in containers until the work has been completed. My garden slopes upwards away from the house and I'm having a large patio dug out, all held back by old railway sleepers. It is going to dramatically change the plot and my style of planting. In recent years, I've found the watering of my containers has become more of a chore than I would like and the older I get the harder it becomes. The new patio area will be home to succulents and drought hardy plants with many fewer containers and I'm confident will look very striking, watch this space!

## If you only do one thing this month!

Do make sure you cover anything that might be damaged by frost. Most herbaceous perennials will be wintering underground and can be protected with a layer of bark compost. It is vital however to bring small succulents indoors or place them in a heated greenhouse. I'm certainly going to be kept busy as I have over 50 containers of aeoniums and other succulents to find winter homes for. Many will find their way into front and back porches of the house and the remainder will go in the greenhouse. You can protect larger plants, such as tree ferns and delicate palms, where they stand by tying horticultural fleece around their tops to keep them warm and cosy through the winter months.

Read more of Geoff's garden at: [www.driftwoodbysea.co.uk](http://www.driftwoodbysea.co.uk)

Geoff's garden, *Driftwood* has appeared on BBC2 Gardeners' World, was a finalist in Gardeners' World Magazine Best Small Space and a finalist in Lewes District Business Awards 2018 as 'The Tourist Destination of the Year'. Read the amazing 5-star reviews on TripAdvisor. Amazing feature in Coast Magazine and an American magazine, Flea Market Garden Style. Read all about Geoff's trips to Buckingham Palace and Royal Garden Party in 2018 and his work for the community.



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