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Simon and Gaynor – both looking to improve Eastbourne

IT'S been another busy month here at *Bournefree* – but a very successful and rewarding one too.

By Peter Lindsey

I've had time this month to get out and about meeting some key members of our community.

Among the first was Simon Leslie, the new owner of *Eastbourne Borough Football Club*.

It was an absolute privilege to spend time with him and discuss his very big plans for the Borough.

He's made his money in international travel and media – and now he is spending some of that in Eastbourne.

What could be better? And if he takes Eastbourne into the Football League, it would be just amazing.

I wouldn't bet against it...

Eastbourne Seafront

I have also met up with Gaynor Sedgewick. She's Chair of the *Friends of Eastbourne Seafront.*

The group was formed 18 months ago when our beloved Bandstand was closed.

Now, it's on a much bigger mission – to help with the much-needed improvement of our seafront.

We all know – and that includes Eastbourne Borough Council – so much more can be done and needs to be done. She vows: "We are non-political and we will work with anybody. If *Tesco* owned the Bandstand, then we would have taken *Tesco* to task."

New borough council leader Stephen Holt and his deputy Margaret Bannister both realise the need to do more.

And Gaynor did stress that the Friends' relationship with the council is on the up. That's good news.

Airbourne

We're now into August and it's *Airbourne* once again. Let's hope for a busy and successful four days and bumper trade for our businesses.

It's already been a hot summer and let's hope August sees a booming month for our tourism industry.

Have a great month.

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Making a difference locally

NEWLY refurbished Old Town Service Station raises £443 for You Raise Me Up.

By Claire Goddard

Old Town Service Station has recently completed refitting and rebranding its retail offering, transforming the shop into a modern and contemporary convenience store after relaunching as Nisa Local.

Fantastic support

To celebrate the store's relaunch, an open day was held for the local community on the 11th of July. The event was supported by Christina Ewbank, Chief Executive of *Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce* who inaugurated the celebrations by conducting a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Customers visiting the store enjoyed food and drink giveaways including free *Costa Coffee* and *Skwishee* as well as free gifts from *Rollover Hotdogs, Monster, Cadbury, Longman Brewery* and more!

The *Pricewatch* team took the opportunity to fundraise in aid of *You Raise Me Up;* their efforts were a great success raising £443 for the

cause. The money raised will be spent on one-to-one counselling sessions for bereaved families who have suffered the loss of a child aged 16–25.

Debbie Harrington from *YRMU*, said: "We had a lovely day celebrating Old Town's relaunch and were lucky to be invited along as their chosen charity. For a donation there was a fun balloon pop with amazing prizes and homemade cakes from our Community Café.

It was a great day with free giveaways; customers visiting the garage for fuel were leaving with arms full of freebies and smiles on their faces! Thank you to *MADL* and Old Town for your continued support."

Heart of local community

Old Town continues to be at the heart of their local community; with the help of *Nisa's Making a Difference Locally (MADL)* charity the store has donated an impressive £5,358 to local charities. Beneficiaries include *The JPK Project*, *Wayfinder Woman* and *Children with Cancer Fund* to name a few.

To date the *Pricewatch group* has donated a massive £49,500 into the communities it proudly serves.

Andre Salvidge, Charity Ambassador for *Pricewatch*, commented: "I can't thank *MADL* enough for helping us as independent retailers



to make a difference in our local community. These donations make a real difference to smaller charities and community groups who rely on support from local people and businesses to stay afloat. We're very grateful to our loyal customers for donating and helping to support these great local schemes."

The store proudly stocks a wide range of *Co-op* products. Claire Goddard, Marketing Manager for *Pricewatch* said, "Stocking *Co-op* products has had a positive impact; not only is it a recognised and trusted brand that our customers love, but a percentage of every *Co-op* item purchased goes towards our *MADL* fund, allowing us to support local charities and good causes with monetary donations."

Successful rebrand

Paul Salvidge, Director for *Pricewatch*, added: "I'm delighted with the results of our successful rebrand which has transformed our shop! The inviting new look, combined with great offers and promotions, has been a hit with our customers and we've teamed up with some fantastic brands reinforcing our food-to-go offering with *Costa*, *Rollover Hotdogs, Swan bakery* and *Skwishee* – just in time for summer!"

Leaping to support again

EASTBOURNE estate agents *Leaper Stanbrook* is once again sponsoring the club championships at *Meads Lawn Tennis Club*.

By Peter Lindsey

More than 120 members have entered in ten different categories plus a consolation mixed doubles event for first round losers.

Managing Director Andrew Leaper said: *"Leaper Stanbrook* is proud to

sponsor the annual *Meads Tennis Club* (*ROMPA*) tournament again this year and hopes that the weather remains fair and that the level of tennis is up to the club's usual high standards."

Finals day is on Sunday September 17th and members of the public are very welcome to watch some highquality tennis matches whilst enjoying some light refreshments.



Club chair Hazel Sneath said: "We are delighted that once again, *Leaper Stanbrook* is sponsoring our annual club championships and so pleased to maintain our links with this prestigious Eastbourne estate agency."

Financial support is particularly welcome this year as the club has ambitious plans to extend its pavilion, which was constructed in the 1980s. A phased development will see extensions to the kitchen area and improvements to the toilet and changing facilities, ensuring excellent disability access.

Pictured: Committee Member Cassie Philip with Andrew Leaper and members of the *Meads LTC*.



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Lightning Fibre launches Full Fibre in Langney



Lightning Fibre's Community Engagement Manager, Nicola Funnell and Cllr Hugh Park

AS *Lightning Fibre* continues its roll out across Eastbourne and beyond, the company has recently completed the Langney area network build, adding a further 6,500 homes and businesses to the network coverage area.

By Peter Lindsey

As a local, community-centric business, the company has donated a 1Gbps business connection to the local community centre, as part of a digital inclusivity strategy.

Hyper sponsors

Lightning Fibre, Hyperfast Broadband, will be returning to sponsor and support the whole of the Cosplay Hall and the Cosplay Competition at *WynterCon X* this October. The popular event is on October 14th–15th at the *Winter Gardens*, Eastbourne. Tickets are on sale now.

Lightning Fibre was also a category sponsor at the *Child of Sussex* 2023 awards.

It was hosted by the *East Sussex* School of Circus Arts in support of Award's charity partner, Brightonbased *Rockinghorse Children's Charity.*

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New dog-friendly pocket guide

A £15,000 fund has been made available for exciting tourism ideas across Eastbourne.

By Peter Lindsey

And £2,461 of that money is being spent on a range of dogfriendly visitor initiatives which will be delivered throughout the rest of this year.

The Friends of Eastbourne Seafront has been awarded the grant from the VisitEastbourne Tourism Development Fund. The funding will be used to research and create a new dogfriendly Eastbourne pocket guide which will appear both online at *VisitEastbourne.com* and in print.

A new Dog-Friendly Eastbourne award scheme will identify and promote venues that go the extra mile to provide excellent facilities and



'pawsomely' good service for visitors and their pet pooches.

And a photo competition will celebrate many of Eastbourne's canine residents and visitors, while a seafront campaign for responsible dog ownership will promote the use of bio-degradable poo bags and a dog-friendly code of conduct.

The VisitEastbourne Tourism Development Fund is a £15,000 pot to subsidise new initiatives which help to increase footfall and visitor spend in the town, along with opportunities to improve training, provide research, reach new audiences and support a cultural shift towards carbon-neutral business.

Applications were open exclusively to members of *VisitEastbourne* and funding has been made available by repurposing savings achieved following a gradual shift from traditional to digital marketing methods, as well as increased income generation from **VisitEastbourne.com** business membership.

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Foodbank Family Funday

A DAY of fun, food, and community support.

By Kim Hatcher-Davies

Eastbourne Foodbank is thrilled to announce the upcoming "Foodbank Family Funday," a community event aimed at bringing joy, entertainment, and support to our local community.

This exciting event promises a delightful combination of activities and attractions for all ages.

Scheduled to take place on August 5th from 11am to 4pm, the Foodbank Family Funday will transform Eastbourne into a hub of vibrant energy and celebration. Attendees can look forward to a variety of engaging activities, including a dog show, classic cars exhibition, funfair rides, a captivating mermaid corner, a thrilling dog



treasure hunt, a bouncy castle, and a wide array of stalls showcasing local artisans and vendors.

Admission to the *Foodbank Family Funday* is free, with donations warmly encouraged to assist the *Foodbank* in its mission to alleviate hunger and provide essential resources to vulnerable individuals and families within our community.

Make sure to mark your calendars for August 5th, and join us at *West*

Rise Junior School, Chaffinch Road, Langney, Eastbourne BN23 7SL for an unforgettable day of community spirit, entertainment, and support.

Together, we can make a difference!

For more information, please contact: Kim Hatcher-Davies, Morrisons, Eastbourne.

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New Defibrillator

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THE John Jackson Charitable Trust has kindly donated half the cost of replacing the old, rusted Defibrillator Cabinet at the side of the Clock Restaurant in Hyde Gardens.

By Peter Lindsey

Pictured are (left to right) Alec Stephens Chair of Fundraising, Margaret Downey Lead Trustee JJCT and Cristin Freeman JJCT Trustee. Eastbourne Area Community First Responders provides great support for the community with such initiatives.







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aMAIZEing!

HERE is your chance to win family tickets to *Sharnfold Farm's* spectacular six-week 'Be Amaized This Summer' event.

By Peter Lindsey

Sharnfold Farm – part of The Family Parks Group – is busily preparing for the fun which runs from July 22nd until September 3rd.

The farm is situated at Stone Cross and is already enjoying a bumper summer.

Here are some of the highlights of 'Be Amaized This Summer:'

- Meet the farm animals and small friends.
- Play in the adventure play area and sand pit.
- Go on a bug hunt in the rewilding garden.
- Adventure through the woodland trail.
- Challenge each other to a game of mini golf.
- Discover in the sound garden.
- Get creative in the mud kitchen.
- And, see if you can navigate the maize maze here for summer only!



There are also three special days:

- Bluey and Bingo from the muchloved kids TV show '*Bluey*' are also coming to Sharnfold Farm on Tuesday August 1st.
- Peppa and George are appearing on August 16th to please all *Peppa Pig* fans.
- Chase and Marshall are on the Farm on August 30th for all *Paw Patrol* fans.

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To win, simply answer this question: Where is Sharnfold Farm?

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Ice and soul of the party!

Feastival Events announces new plans for Lightning Fibre's Ice Rink.

By Harry Farmer

Feastival Events have revealed further plans for the return of Lightning Fibre's Ice Rink running from Saturday 9th to Sunday 31st December 2023, to be located outside The Enterprise Shopping Centre and Eastbourne Train Station.

This year you will see some very exciting changes, Lightning Fibre's Ice Rink will be situated under a massive inflatable cube structure, along with a second inflatable cube including the famous Tipsy Toadstool bar and many pop up street food traders for you to try! This year you will be able to pop into our Ice Cube Bar for a drink, watch live bands, dance to our DJs and book your office Christmas parties here too! The Ice Cube Bar can be hired – for more details and to register your interest please contact the Festival team at info@feastival.events now.

Dates for your diary

Tickets will be on sale soon for our opening launch night on Saturday 9th December and our ticketed New Yews Eve party on Sunday 31st December – Check out www.visiteastbournetickets.co.uk for more details. Ice Skating sessions will run daily from Saturday 9th to Sunday 31st December 2023, 10am to 10pm, tickets now on sale at

www.visiteastbourneticket.co.uk Book now for your family skating session, group bookings and your companies parties. To hire *Lightning Fibre's Ice Rink* for a private event please contact **info@feastival.events**

"We're thrilled to take on the management of *Lightning Fibre's Ice Rink* and have plenty of new exciting ideas for this event" said Dave Richardson, one of the Directors of *Feastival Events.* "We look forward to collaborating with new and existing partners to develop and deliver this outdoor event successfully.

"Feastival Events is committed to maintaining Lightning Fibre's Ice Rinks popularity while introducing new and exciting experiences too. The team is already hard at work, putting together plans to make this year's event even more magical than ever before."

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First aid courses to help our pets

AN Eastbourne company has launched a new range of first-aid courses to help our four-legged friends.

By Peter Lindsey

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The courses by Lily Dean Training are designed to give pet owners or people who work in the industry the essential skills they would need to provide first aid for a pet in an emergency situation.

Owner Theo Parfitt said "We already offer a comprehensive range of first-aid and health &

safety qualifications, however we are really pleased to bring this unique opportunity to give care to the four-legged family members that we love.

"Our classroom courses offer an inclusive environment for everybody to learn, and we very much look forward to delivering this training



to the people of Eastbourne and surrounding communities."

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Skittles tournament set for repeat

FORTY-FOUR teams took part in the first ever Eastbourne skittles tournament organized by the *Rotary Club of Eastbourne*.

By Geoff Fitch

The event – at *The Saffrons Sports Ground* – was a huge success and will be repeated next year with more lanes and more teams.

It was planned to run over five July evenings as five separate competitions but unfortunately the weather played a part and the Tuesday was rained off.

All but two of the teams playing on that night were able to relocate so were still able to join the fun.

With seven lanes, organisers were able to accommodate 14 teams per night.

Monday kicked off with only eight and on Wednesday there were

12 teams, including five from *Eastbourne Motoring Centre (EMC)*.

One of them won the night with the incredible score of 307 which turned out to be the best of the week and therefore taking the overall prize.

There were 13 teams on Thursday while Friday saw two teams from *Eastbourne AM Rotary Club* compete against two teams from *Langport Masonic Lodge, My Candyland,* a new business in Grove Road, and *The Lansdowne Hotel* who were winners on the night.

In all, the 44 teams knocked down 8,633 pins over the course of the week.







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OHM Energy triumphs at regional Energy Efficiency awards

SUSSEX-BASED renewable energy company, *OHM Energy* won the Renewable Heat Installer of the Year award and was also Commended for its solar work.

By Peter Lindsey

Over the last 12 months, OHM Energy has installed 41 heat pumps,115 solar PV arrays and is enjoying 150% year-onyear growth.

OHM Energy works with a number of strategic partners to deliver a blend of funding, government grants, and finance options which, subject to qualifying criteria, can often result in a project being 100% funded. Local businesses they have helped this past year include *Rossetts Mercedes*, *Gun Brewery, GT Factors, Jarvis Manufacturing, Wave Sport*, and the *Westgate Leisure Centre*.

There were 11 categories at the event at *Sofitel Gatwick Airport Hotel* on July 14th, attended by individuals and companies throughout the South East area that are involved in the energy efficiency industry.

Energy Efficiency Awards chairman Gary Braybrooke said: "Companies and individuals working in the energy efficiency industry are carrying out some of the most vital work in the UK today. We all know we have to be more energy efficient as a nation, but it is our nominees and winners who are at the sharp end, creating often ingenious opportunities to help people save energy, drive down bills and help the environment."

Jason Lindfield, Founder and Managing Director of OHM says: "The Energy Efficiency Awards celebrate the efforts of everyone in the sector. It's been an exciting year for OHM with a record number of installations and the launch of our new training hub. We're delighted to win the regional title and are looking forward to the national awards in September."

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Eastbourne Food Partnership publishes Value of Veg report

Eastbourne Food Partnership, who recently joined the Chamber of Commerce, has published the Value Of Veg report, as part of their campaign to increase the amount of veg that is grown and consumed in Eastbourne.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The report, which has now been presented to local MP Caroline Ansell, identifies the benefits to wellbeing and community of growing, cooking and eating more veg. The Value Of Veg also makes recommendations for actions that range from local-level to national government. Eastbourne Food Partnership Coordinator, Nancy Wilson explains:



opportunity to share the ways our community partners work together around a common goal of good food for all in Eastbourne, to harness and share the power of veg. For example, it has been brilliant to see the relationships between community gardens and community fridges and kitchens develop across the town, making ultralocal fresh produce accessible and affordable".

Eastbourne Food Partnership has also launched a Zine to keep people updated about their initiatives, which includes a Good Food Charter, where local businesses can commit to healthier and more sustainable food practises in the workplace and within their local community.

If you would like to get involved with the Eastbourne Food Partnership, or learn more about the Value Of Veg, visit their website at eastbournefoodpartnership.org.uk

"We were delighted to have the

Nelson Coffee Roasters: Passion Meets Quality in Eastbourne

Nelson Coffee Roasters isn't just a café – in the words of its founders, Ben and Lucy, Nelson is a love letter to coffee. Their journey, which ignited during a honeymoon trip to the town of Nelson, British Columbia, led to the creation of one of the most respected coffee businesses in Eastbourne.

In 2014, Ben and Lucy launched a thriving café, Nelson Coffee, located in the heart of Eastbourne, the café quickly became a hub for both brunch enthusiasts and coffee lovers. More than a place to grab a great bite to eat, it's here that you can taste the fruits of their labour the house-roasted speciality coffee.

What sets Nelson Coffee apart is their on-site roastery, launched in 2020. The roastery embodies their relentless pursuit for the perfect cup. Nelson are sticklers for quality, handpicking only coffee beans that score 85 or above on a 100-point quality scale. The result? A lineup of eight single-origin coffees, each with its own unique flavour profile, but always juicy, clean and full of flavour, from origins such as Kenya to Brazil. Coffee lovers can enjoy these beans in-store or can take the experience home by purchasing via their website, nelsoncoffee.co.uk

Nelson Coffee Roasters caters to everyone from coffee-loving individuals to businesses. Whether you're looking to add specialty coffee to your restaurant or café, seeking a high-quality office coffee supply, or just searching for the perfect brew for home, Ben and Lucy are ready to guide you. And, if you're aiming to launch a café or need advice managing a hospitality



Ben and Lucy of Nelson Coffee Roasters

business, they're ready to share their extensive industry knowledge.

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Maybugs wins Small Business Britain Award



Maybugs co-owners Greg Rose and John Dale

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The independent Sussex retailer wins 'Highstreet Hero' at the national awards.

Maybugs, which has stores in Eastbourne, Bexhill and Hailsham beat a shortlist of seven competitors from across the country, winning the award in recognition of their work to drive footfall to their business and neighbouring businesses.

On winning the award, co-founder Greg Rose said "We are just gobsmacked to have won the High Street Hero award. To be recognised as the best independent high street business in the UK for all the community work we do is amazing."

Adeel Hyder, Business Banking Director at TSB, who sponsored the award, said, "It's well known how much small businesses contribute to their local communities, but generally they're not recognised formally for this. This is a fantastic opportunity to put smaller businesses like Maybugs, who have an outsized impact and power our local economies, in the spotlight".

Maybugs' success as an independent High Street retailer is matched by their commitment to supporting the local community. They sponsor a number of local charities and donate hundreds of goody bags each year to local schools, charities and other fundraisers.

Maybugs stocks a wide range of gifts and homewares as well as artisan goods and can be found in Eastbourne on Terminus Road, Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, and Vicarage Field Centre in Hailsham.

Cadence opens at Helen Garden

Community Hub takes on new venue at gateway to the South Downs.

Cadence has launched a new clubhouse at Eastbourne's Helen Garden. Taking over the charming thatched pavilion, Cadence is serving hot and cold drinks, snacks and ice creams, as well as continuing to provide the 18-hole putting course, pétanque (boules) and bowls activities.

Having been previously managed by the Council, Cadence's arrival at Helen Garden is the latest step in their mission to build bigger, stronger and more diverse cycling and outdoorloving communities and to promote sustainable, responsible enjoyment of the Great Outdoors.

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EIA flying high

IT'S August and that can only mean one thing in Eastbourne – *Airbourne* is back.

By Peter Lindsey

Airbourne: Eastbourne International Airshow has revealed its flying line-up with around 45 aerial displays expected across the free four-day show from 17th – 20th August.

The RAF Red Arrows are performing every day, and there will be displays from the powerful Typhoon, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and Tutor.

Airshow fans can also look forward to the heavy-duty Chinook, the

Norwegian Vampire jet fighter and the Strikemaster jet.

Incredible displays

The world's only professional wingwalking team will be making a popular return, along with *The Tigers Army Parachute Display Team*, who will be dropping in each day.

One of Europe's leading civilian display teams – *Team Raven* – will be painting shapes in the sky every day, including their trademark Twizzle, Cyclone and Heart manoeuvres.

This year warbird fans will be able to enjoy a stunning joint display from the



Typhoon and the Lancaster, as they make their Eastbourne debut as a duo. The *Rolls-Royce Heritage Flight* will also provide a memorable duo display from the Spitfire and Mustang.

Hover like a Harrier

Rich Goodwin will be bringing high energy gyroscopic aerobatics in his newly upgraded biplane over the weekend. Built from scratch over four years from a garden shed, the Jet Pitts now boasts added jet turbines and Rich will be demonstrating his ability to hover like a Harrier. The Firefly completes the line-up with displays every day.

Flying starts each day from lunchtime.

Fantastic support

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A man on a real mission...

SIMON Leslie is a man on a mission – to get Eastbourne Borough FC into the Football League.

By Peter Lindsey

And I wouldn't bet against it.

Yes, he has the money - an initial investment of £1.5 million - with the promise of much more to come.

He also has the passion: "I am a football fan who has seen a new opportunity.

"I want to secure Football League status for Borough, and as quickly as we can."

Simon is a successful businessman, having made his money in media and travel.

But now, it's something completely different – football.

He said: "I looked at a number of different clubs to invest in but I love being by the sea.

"This is a lovely part of the world and I feel it's been under-served. Until now, that is."

His immediate priorities are to improve the infrastructure and to build a strong team easy for people to watch.

Sporting village

He has a vision for a sporting village at Priory Lane to include other sports as well.

"The team is the fittest people will have seen for a very long time at Priory Lane – young, energetic and exciting to watch.

"We don't have the biggest budget in our league but we have young and quality talent combined with strong depth of leadership." There's a new club shop, a new coffee shop open weekdays, and Simon wants the community to come together.

Community events

"We will be putting on events for the community. We have a lot of land here, grass facilities, and I would like to see music festivals and picnic in the park events, something like that.

"I want to do more and let's be clear - the more we can invest the quicker we can improve the facilities."

Simon is urging spectators to book their tickets in advance – he wants to avoid large queues on matchdays.

Fun and games

"I want the experience to be like a theatre of games. I want the experience of coming to a *Borough* home game to be fun.





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- "Who knows we may see a brass band playing at half time?
- "I'm here for a good time and a long time.
- "Development of our stadium is very significant as well as investment in players and coaches.

"We are creating individual brands for each player and I am so excited at the prospect.

"I'm active, buzzing and I've got both the time and energy.

Join a great journey

"We are going on a great journey – and I want the people of Eastbourne to come on that journey."

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I am on a mission to build World Class football teams in Eastbourne.



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Chaseley's Summer Sizzler

THE Chaseley Trust – situated at South Cliff, Eastbourne, staged its successful Summer Sizzler.

By Peter Lindsey

Residents and staff enjoyed the day on July 19th.

CEO Emma Rich-Spice said: "We all had fun playing summer games in our fabulous garden after a delicious BBQ lunch.

"The afternoon was the greatest fun with staff and residents taking part in whacky races.

"Friends at the *Hydro* waved as staff and resident were heard cheering each other on in dressing up, egg and spoon and wheelchair races."

Fundraising efforts throughout the year make these events possible from the ideas residents put together with the wellbeing team.

The main source of Chaseley's funding comes from residents' fees, which cover the cost of their care package and contributes to the daily running costs of the home.

Various commissioning bodies fund the majority of resident care packages and they have just 5% surplus to fund all their additional costs, including the upkeep of their beautiful building, upgrading their equipment, and to provide the extra social and recreational activities and services that enhance the comfort and well-being of their residents, which is why they rely on donations and fundraising.

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Schools and businesses working together

EASTBOURNE Education Business Partnership has been doing some great work with our schools this year.

By Peter Lindsey

In the latest project, teams of Year 2 pupils from six primary schools took part in The 'Zip Wire' Challenge.'

It is part of its *Engineering Club* programme.

The challenge took as its theme the safe transportation of a valuable and delicate cargo – an egg.

It was inspired by zip-wire systems using baskets and cable cars to move goods and people across difficult terrain, including the *Emirates Air Line* cable car across the river Thames.



Teams were judged on how fast their basket had travelled (with an unbroken egg), the overall design and build quality of the basket assembly and base station and finally their teamwork.

The Haven CE Primary School was overall winner and received the Junior Engineers Challenge trophy and individual prizes.

There were also prizes for the runners-up and a special certificate for everyone. Looking ahead, Eastbourne EBP is planning their Junior Enterprise Challenge for 2nd October and the annual highlight, Eastbourne Youth Radio on 15th–17th November – now seeking schools and sponsors.

The BIG Futures Show, the annual employability and skills event, is scheduled for 23rd April 2024 and is open for both school and exhibitor bookings.

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Events Schedule

July

Saturday 22nd July 2–5pm: Andy Gibbens – Dance in the Street

> **Sunday 23rd July** 2–4pm: Yuri Bentancourt Trio

> > Wednesday 26th July Open Mic

Friday 28th July 6–8pm: Carys & The Lads

Saturday 29th July 2–3.30pm: Abba Tribute

4–6pm: Court Brothers

6–8pm: John R Lane (Country/Neil Diamond)

Sunday 30th July 2–7pm: Stuart Trevelion

August

Wednesday 2nd August 4–6pm: The Watson Brothers

Friday 4th August 6–8pm: Tom Fitzpatrick

Saturday 5th August 4–8pm: The Medicine Cabinet

Sunday 6th August 2–4pm: Winnie Chris & Band

Wednesday 9th August 6–8pm: Andy T King

Friday 11th August 6–8pm: 2B 40 – UB40 tribute Saturday 12th August 2–4pm: Helen Ward Jackson – Diva Set

> Sunday 13th August 2–4pm: Carys & The Lads

> **Wednesday 16th August** 4–6pm: Watson Brothers

Tuesday 22nd August Taste of Victoria Place

3–5pm: DJ – Multicultural music

6–8pm: Andy T King

Friday 25th August 6–8pm: Tom Fitzpatrick

Saturday 26th August 3–5pm: Jade Powers

6-8pm: Court Brothers

Sunday 27th August 3–6pm: Willowisp Band

Wednesday 30th August Open Mic

September

Friday 1st September 4–6pm: The Street Lights

6–8pm: Peter and Pri

Saturday 2nd September 2–5pm: Andy Gibbens – Dance in the Street

Sunday 3rd September 2–3.30pm: Abba Tribute

4–6pm: Sound of The Crowd

*Entertainment subject to change. Please check our social media for full details.





We all want an improved Eastbourne seafront

IT started some 18 months ago when *Eastbourne Bandstand* was closed and showed little sign of reopening.

By Peter Lindsey

A group of individuals – concerned about the state of Eastbourne seafront – started talking and meeting.

One year ago, they formed the *Friends of Eastbourne Seafront*, a not-for-profit voluntary organisation.

Better place for everyone

Their mission remains the same – to work with the Council and make the seafront a better place for everyone.

Here's Chairperson Gaynor Sedgewick: "We were all very upset when the Bandstand was closed for one year, and that's how we got together.

"We have done an incredible amount of work, and there is so much that can be done.



"We are non-political and we will work with anybody.

"Our relationship with *Eastbourne Borough Council* is improving, which is a positive.

"We talk to many residents and businesses, and people are still very upset about parts of our seafront.

"We need more action."

The Friends has worked with the council to open a cycle track in July on the tarmac between the skate park and the *Sovereign Park*.

Fort Fun site

But the derelict *Fort Fun* site nearby saddens many people, and Gaynor is horrified.



The council has given a five-year lease to Wingrove House and the brilliant charity *Defiant Sports*.

"However, it's still derelict. It needs a larger operator and it should have been advertised nationally.

"There is a real need there to have something for the children. What we have is very sad and unacceptable."

Marvellous venue again

Next, we come to the *Redoubt* – again closed.

It shouldn't be, says Gaynor, and the Friends has offered to take over its running in early 2024.

She said: "It needs to be open to the public. It can be a marvellous venue again."

And what of the *Bandstand*, now reopen and very popular?



Gaynor said: "The first phase has been completed and well-done *Eastbourne Borough Council,* it has done a good job.

"Further investment is needed and we are now asking for a work schedule for both the *Bandstand* and the *Redoubt*.

"The council cannot rest on its laurels now that phase one of the *Bandstand* is done."

The Friends are also busy gardening along the seafront, and they are talking to council representatives 'every few days.'

Gaynor said: "Neighbourhood First have been brilliant, very helpful, and we are grateful to support from the council with our published Guide and also our Welcome Team.

"We want to do more, a whole lot more, and we are confident that we will."

To make contact with the Friends, go to: friendsofeastbourneseafront.org.uk

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Music courses for young people

AUDIO Active is a charity with a vision for better futures through music.

By Gail McKay

They offer innovative, accessible interventions that use music to support young people and emerging artists to reach their full potential.

This Summer, Audio Active will run rap and production sessions at Leaf Hall, enabling participants to explore their musical talents in a supportive environment. There will be a day session on August 29th, from 2:00pm – 6:00pm and workshops in September on the 5th, 12th and 14th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. These sessions are open to young people aged 12 – 25 looking to express themselves through music and learn the skills and techniques of rap and



production from professionals. Regardless of skill level or preferred genre, these sessions allow young people to rap, sing, produce and record their own music.

By providing grassroots talent development through free access to projects, resources and support at different levels, *Audio Active* enables young people of all backgrounds to discover and nurture their talents.

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Great tennis facilities –

and hopefully a new cafe too

A NEW café is on the cards for Old Town – but it will be more than just a new place to eat and drink.

By Peter Lindsey

Community tennis coach Craig Wells formed *set2win* in May 2020 when he took over the running of Old Town Rec tennis courts in Longland Road.

Turn the clock forward three years –

and the community now has sporting facilities to be proud of.

There are four top quality tennis courts, all available to book online and where coaching is also available.

You can buy an annual family membership for £45, or you can opt to pay and play. There are around 120 members.



But there's one important aspect missing – a café – and Craig is determined to change that.

He said: "We have to keep the four changing rooms for football, but our vision is to build a kitchen, servicing area, glass fronted.

"It will be a great place to come to eat and drink, with glorious views of the Downs looking out.

"There will be decking and the plan is to move the football pitch in front of this area down the field so it allows us plenty of space.

"Our hope is that we will plough back a percentage of the profits back into the facility, ideally something for teenagers to enjoy, and to improve the pathway as well."

Craig is applying for grants to make the vision into reality.

Email Craig at: set2win@gmx.com




Amazing reader offer!

THE View Hotel Eastbourne is offering all *Bournefree* readers a 20% discount off their entire food and beverage bill valid until 16th August 2023 using the discount voucher below.

By Claire Prysor-Jones

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A picnic fit for a King

POLEGATE Ramblers are more used to tramping through countryside and eating their packed lunches on the edge of a field or in the middle of a wood so their club picnic to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III was a rare treat.

By Gill Maddock

To work up an appetite, members were taken on a ramble along rather overgrown footpaths before reaching the welcome shade of *Abbots Wood* for coffee (and real toilets!).

Fortunately, the leader was familiar with the maze of paths in *Abbots Wood* and thankfully everyone emerged a few miles later to return to a transformed site in nearby *Bushey Wood*.

They were greeted with flags, bunting, a real camp fire with marshmallows to hand, tea, coffee, cake and more cake, all of which was enjoyed with enthusiasm.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get together while a few were able

to share distant memories of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953.

It was also an opportunity to say "Thank you" to Judy Kemp who was stepping down from her role as Social Secretary after many years and who organised the Coronation event.

Walk this way

Polegate Ramblers meet every Thursday at Polegate Rec for a choice of a short (5ish miles) walk or a long (10ish miles) walk where walkers car share to the starting point. Walks are led by experienced members who plan walks in the local area.

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Cornerstone Chiropractic well worth a visit

CORNERSTONE Chiropractic is run and owned by husband-and-wife team, Theo and Georgia Kyriacou.

By Peter Lindsey

They opened their doors on June 12th and look forward to serving the community at large for many years to come!

Theo and Georgia are both Chiropractors. They graduated in 2014, but on opposite sides of the globe - Theo in Wales, and Georgia in Australia.

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Charlotte's amazing recovery

AT the age of seven months, Charlotte Baldwin from Eastbourne could only move her eyes following a stroke.

By Peter Lindsey

Aged 12, she is now able to swim, ride a trike, drive a powered wheelchair and use a walker with one-to-one support.

Determination

Her proud family has put these achievements down to the very specialist support she has received at *Chailey Heritage School* and their daughter's relentless determination.

Charlotte was born healthy until she was struck down by a rare genetic disorder – Glutaric Aciduria Type 1, aged seven months.

She became very unwell and suddenly lost all ability. All she could move was her eyes.

Mum Mariel Baldwin said: "She is a very determined and incredibly kind little girl.

Thanks to Chailey

"She can now do far more than just use her eyes, and that is all down to *Chailey Heritage* and their input.

"Chailey has been able to help Charlotte in a multitude of ways. She leads a really active life now which is incredible. With support, she is able to go swimming, ride her bike and use a stander.

"For once in her life, I can take a deep breath and just enjoy being her mum and seeing her achievements.

"She now uses *Whatsapp* and everyone knows when she sends me a message because I get so excited and show everyone around me."

Mariel says Charlotte being at *Chailey* 'just fills her with hope.'

She said: "Thanks to *Chailey*, I believe that she will become a valid member of society.

"She is comfortable being cared for and she sees her friends being cared for as well, so she doesn't have an issue with it. She will have peace in her life."

Amazing achievements

Julie Tilbury, one of the specialist teachers at *Chailey Heritage School* said that the children and young people at *Chailey Heritage* get exactly what they need, and their achievements are amazing.

Julie said: "They are treated with dignity and respect and we support them to be as independent as possible.

"They get the physical activity they need and the support that they need.

"They might learn to do something by themselves, or they may direct someone to help them do it.

"We support them alongside the child, with the child, and not to the child. That is really, really important.

"All staff at *Chailey* have a passion to get the best out of life for the children here.





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By **Richard Lawson**, Manager, Hailsham House

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Unmissable!

THE casting is now announced for the H.G. Wells classic *The Invisible Man* by Ken Hill at the *Devonshire Park Theatre* this summer and a wealth of West End talent features on the impressive cast list.

By Harry Farmer

In alphabetical order the cast features: **Suzie Chard** (Oliver West End, Hard Cell, Netflix) is Mrs Hall and Frida, with **Gillian Ford** (Everyone's Talking About Jamie West End, Mamma Mia UK tour) as Mrs Statchell, **Brendan Hooper** (The Importance Of Being Earnest, Vaudeville Theatre) as Dr Cuss and Colonel Adeye, **Devon**- **Elise Johnson** (Titanic the Musical UK tour, Half a Sixpence, West End) is Millie, PC Jaffers and Dr Kemp are

played by David Partridge (Mirror Crack'd – UK Tour), James Peake (Da Vinci's Demons, Fox), takes the roles of The MC / Rev. Bunting / Teddy, Steven Pinder (Wicked, Brookside) is Squire Burdock. Taking the role of Griffin (The Invisible Man) is Phil Stewart (An Inspector Calls UK Tour, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, Gielaud Theatre) with **Ben Roddy** (The Provoked Wife and Venice Preserved, RSC) (from 28th July to 17th August) and Adam Shorey (Aladdin, Devonshire Park Theatre) (from 18th to 26th August) as Marvel.

The creative team is led by director Chris Jordan, with illusions by internationally renowned magician and former president of the Magic Circle Scott Penrose, set design by Julie Godfrey (How the Other Half Loves) and lighting by Chris Davey (Touching the Void, Mathew Bourne's The Car Man).

The appointment of **Scott Penrose** as magic consultant is a huge coup for the production team, Scott is the Honorary Vice President of The British Magic Society and was previously awarded the Magic Circle Stage Magician of the Year. He has an impressive history of creating illusion effects for numerous West End shows and films and has also worked with *Cirque du Soleil* creating magic effects, illusions and quickchange techniques.

At this summer's theatrical event experience **The Invisible Man**, at the *Devonshire Park Theatre*, Eastbourne from 28th July – 26th August, theatregoers will experience a theatrical and visual spectacle



packed with magic and comedy, this show promises fabulous fun suitable for all ages.

A sleepy Sussex village has an unexpected visitor one night, but *clearly* there is something very wrong with this stranger. What follows is a thrilling tale of daring adventure and unforgettable theatre. This summer NOT seeing is believing.

The Invisible Man, Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne from Friday 28th July – Saturday 26th August. Tuesday to Saturday evening performances 7.45pm, Wednesday and Saturday matinees 2.30pm, tickets from £23, for full details see eastbournetheatres.co.uk or call 01323 412000.



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Marmalade 2023

CAMPERS and visitors were absolutely blown away by the Feastival Events' three day festival. Previously a VW event, it has now expanded to incorporate MORE music, MORE campers and MORE fun.

By Gail McKay

Friday evening kicked off with DJ Dunk and DJ Nicky B who gave us live mash ups and old skool garage. We didn't let the rain spoil our fun and we were rewarded with a larger-thanlife Queen tribute, *Fat Freddie and the Queens*. The mood was electric, so much joy in the crowd, we knew we were in for a cracking weekend.

Raring to go

We grabbed a bit of shut eye before we were back to the arena, raring to go on Saturday. The *Lightning Fibre* stage was host to a non-stop, Rock, Pop, Ska, Funk and Techno spectacle.

Feastival Events's own director fronted one of the most original takes on rock/pop mash ups. The Pat Butchers, who ploughed their own furrow in this area, specialising in female songs, butcher's aprons and Pat Butcher earrings. A riot of music from across the decades. *Fleetwood Mac UK* are renowned for being one of the best tribute acts in the business, Stevie Nicks and her crew worked their magic, and the crowd LOVED it.

Eastbourne stalwarts, *Large 90s*, delivered an intoxicating hour of all things dance and techno, techno, techno, techno!

Kudos to the organisers for getting superstar DJs Dave Pearce and Brandon Block for the Saturday Night slots, they blew the crowd away with their big room, energetic anthems.

Cockney Opera

Sunday provided the perfect distraction from the inevitable return to reality. Finishing with *P45 Band*, a SKA outfit who are credited with creating their own genre, 'Cockney Opera,'. Cue dad dancing and plenty of skanking.

The *Camper Marmalade* Festival was a gloriously memorable

experience. So full of fun, I loved the 'Carry On' theme, with huge caricatures, providing delightful selfie opportunities.

Something for everyone

The kid's area was fantastic, huge inflatables, and plenty of room for parents to relax while the children were safely entertained.

Food and drink was constantly available, with pizzas, burgers, Mexican, Thai, cakes, cocktails, fresh coffee and Feastival's own Wicked container Mobile Bars. Traders were varied with lots of fun merchandise to take home memories of a brilliant weekend.

I can't wait for next year!







The Eastbourne Feastival is back!!

THE towns number one family music festival returns to Hampden Park August Bank Holiday weekend.

By David Monckton

The Feastival Events team are entering their 8th year with the successful family event and this year promises to be the best yet... larger KIDS ZONE, more TRADERS, more STREET FOOD, a brand new VIP AREA, more MUSIC... more of EVERYTHING you love!

Music for the three day event gets underway midday Saturday 26th August with a stunning mixture of tribute artists and local bands.

Saturday highlights include **THE GUNS 'N' ROSES EXPERIENCE**, Madness tribute **SPECIAL KINDA MADNESS**, Sunday highlights include, Eurythmics and Chic tributes **YOURYTHMICS** and **CHIC TO CHIC 'A TRIBUTE TO NILE RODGERS & CHIC'** with the Monday attraction being the Ska & Two Tone cover band **P45**.

For full stage line ups please visit our website **www.feastival.events** or head to our social media pages.

Fun for all

Event organiser Dave Richardson says, "We are very excited to have added a large inflatable area in the KIDS ZONE that includes a stunning 180ft assault course, wipe-out balls and a helter skelter. These are just a flavour of what to expect but the most attractive thing about this new area is you pay a one off fee for the day and continue to return whenever you want, there is no time restrictions."

A selection of funfair rides and stalls will also be available within the KIDS ZONE area, adults as well as the youngsters will be able to enjoy the fun of the fair!

The event also continues their **UNDER 16's GO FOR FREE** offer. No ticket is required to redeem this offer, only that all children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Fantastic food

Feastival always provide a great selection of street food vendors, this years includes Thai, Pizza, Burgers, Mexican and even everyone's guilty pleasure, British Fish & Chips, *Feastivals* very own large mobile container bars serving beers, wines, cocktails, prosecco's, spirits and more.

The weekend has widely become one of the best in the South East for families, it really is set to be three glorious summer days of music, food, activates, laughter and making memories.

Book now!

You can book one day, two day or even weekend passes for all three days directly from **www.onlineticketseller.com** Don't forget, UNDER 16's GO FREE.

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YOURYTHMICS





Suzanne Du Toit at Farleys

FOLLOWING her recent commission by the National Portrait Gallery to paint the writer Jeanette Winterson for their collection, artist Susanne du Toit is delighted to be exhibiting a selection of her further portraits of female authors.

By Gail McKay

This exhibition is a record and celebration, among other things, of female collaboration.

Painting these women in her own vibrant and intuitive way, Susanne expresses the zeitgeist, bringing to the canvas individual personalities that may otherwise remain a mystery to the readers of each author's works.

Now displayed at *Farleys*, these twenty portraits continue Lee Miller's legacy of championing female creativity and community. The exhibition is open every Thursday and Sunday until 3rd September

Farleys House & Gallery

Lee Miller and Roland Penrose moved to the Sussex countryside to live at *Farleys* in 1949 and filled their home with a collection of contemporary art treasures.

Today Farleys is the base of the Lee Miller Archives and The Penrose Collection from which books,



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Relax in the garden

The House & Gallery and Garden open every Sunday and Thursday (April – October) offering visitors the chance to take a tour of the house, relax in the garden, enjoy exhibitions, and light refreshments in the gallery and experience the extraordinary atmosphere of *Farleys*.

Suzanne du Toit's show runs from 13th July to 3rd September 2023 Sundays and Thursdays.

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Fish and Chips is named best film

IN June we featured the *East Sussex Moviemakers* with photographs of members filming 'on location' on Bexhill promenade.

By Peter Lindsey

Their action – with the help of actors from *Brightlights Theatre group*, and others from Eastbourne and Hailsham – was to produce a film under the theme 'Nothing Ventured . . .'

It was for a competition entered by amateur film making clubs in Sussex and surrounding counties. **Human sized seagulls** East Sussex Moviemakers' film – entitled Fish and Chips – was entered for the competition known as The Albany.

The idea was sparked by a Pantomime production performed by a local theatre group where two of the actors became human sized seagulls.

This led to one of the members writing a script, and the creative acting, and skilful editing resulted in a highly amusing eight-minute film.

Fish & Chips was judged to be the best comedy.

Join the lights, camera, action The group meets at 2:00pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month at *St. Lukes Parish Centre,* Stone Cross.

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THE Makers Directory is the online directory of all the makers and artists that work in and around Lewes and Eastbourne.

By Harry Farmer

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FEATURED ARTIST

Amanda Cardoso

I'm an Eastbourne based printmaker specialising in linocut. My work is inspired by the nature, architecture and fiction of East Sussex — with a mid-century twist.

Part of a community

Here's my story... from a lockdown start up, my relationship with *The Makers Directory* helped me connect with a wider audience and engage with other makers. Art can be a solitary endeavour, so it's great to be part of a community of makers.

I first exhibited in 2021 at the Arts Council funded *Tide Mills project* where my work was projected onto the live music yurt. Then an exhibition of linocut prints at the *National Trust's Lamb House* in Rye. These celebrated the resident E F Benson, portraying the real houses occupied by characters from the Mapp and Lucia novels. Since then I have featured in the Sussex Contemporary exhibition and in March of this year, I participated in a live art, music and dance collaboration at the *Towner*.

Inclusive, accessible, affordable

All the while, my core belief has remained that original art should be inclusive, accessible – and affordable. Fabulous local businesses display and sell my linoprints and greeting cards featuring Old Town's historic architecture, and the wonderful Elliott's Millinery hosts me for Artist Open Houses.





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Help defeat Wizard Whack

THIS Summer, you can be part of a very special live theatre event for all the family. *Rainbow Rae And The Colour Stone Rescue!* is a brand new, multi-sensory musical, brought to you by the acclaimed team at *UnderWired Productions*.

By Katherine Camps Kilgour

The evil Wizard Whack has stolen the 7 magic stones that create every colour there is. A young brave heart named Rae has volunteered to find the stones and bring them back where they belong.

If the mission fails all colour will drain away and the world will be black and white forever! So, will you help? Travel with Rae to the 7 Rainbow Realms? Help find the clues and solve the puzzles necessary to defeat Wizard Whack and bring the Colour Stones back home?

Interactive and accessible The show will play at the *Shackelton* Hall at Eastbourne Theatres from

Tuesday 22nd August to Sunday 27th

August, with two performances daily.

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Peacock's unique production which places families with disabilities, and those without, at its heart.

For everyone

Every performance will be relaxed and will include multi-dimensional effects such as smell and touch as well as live music, written by the Tony Award-winning composer Sarah Travis, played by a three-piece band.

UnderWired Productions passionately believe that physical and financial barriers should not prevent children from accessing live theatre. Tickets are heavily subsidised by charitable donations and grants, with full concessions available to those experiencing hardship. Kali says, "Every child should have access to theatre. The sheer joy of being part of an audience, that incredible shared experience, the sound of laughter and happy squeals... surely every child deserves it!"

Rainbow Rae And The Colour Stone Rescue will play at three South East venues during the Summer Holidays.

The show will premiere at the *Izzard Theatre* in Bexhill-on-Sea playing from 8th to 11th August before moving to the *Hailsham Pavilion Theatre* from 14th to 19th August and finishing its run at *Eastbourne Theatres' Shackleton Hall* from 22nd to 27th August.

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By Geoff Stonebanks

The last official month of summer is the perfect time to enjoy your garden while, hopefully, it's still at its best. I'm certainly finding it more relaxing at *Driftwood* with no public days this summer, just visitors by arrangement.

Over 400 have seen the garden so far since 1st June. If you have not visited but have a desire to do so, then we close the garden gate on the 11th August, so get your booking in quick. Just call me on **01323 899296** or email **visitdriftwood@gmail.com**

August gardening jobs

If you want a good show of flowers next spring, make sure you water evergreen shrubs like camellias and rhododendrons thoroughly this month, this will ensure that next year's buds develop well. Try to keep your patio container plants well-watered and don't forget to feed them to encourage more flowers. If you have tall or top-heavy dahlias and lilies it is important to stake them to prevent wind and rain damage. Don't forget to dead-head lilies for a better flower display next year, along with annual bedding plants and perennials to encourage them to flower into the autumn and stop them self-seeding.

Keep an eye on your borders and cut back faded perennials to keep them tidy. If you have seed heads on plants around the garden, leaving some in place can be attractive and allows the plant to self-seed in the surrounding soil. If you enjoy propagating new plants for next year, remember to take cuttings of your favourite, tender, perennials such as pelargoniums and fuchsia now. Now is the time to prune climbing roses and rambling roses, once they've finished flowering, unless off course they are repeatflowerers in which case leave them.

National Garden Scheme.

There are a couple of gardens opening for the charity this month, not far from the town. Camberlot Hall in Camberlot Road, Lower Dicker, Hailsham, opens across the weekend of the 19th and 20th from 2–5pm with entrance £6. This is a 3-acre country garden with a lovely view across fields and hills to the South Downs. It was created from scratch with all design, planting and maintenance completed by the owner. There is a lavender lined carriage driveway, naturalistic border, vegetable garden, shady garden, 30 metre white border and dahlia garden.

Fairlight Hall in Martineau Lane, Hastings makes a welcome return to the scheme on the same weekend too. See a recently restored stunning garden with formal gardens extending over nine acres and surrounding the Victorian Gothic mansion. The garden features semitropical woodland avenues, a huge contemporary walled garden with amphitheatre and two 110 metre perennial borders above and below ha-ha with far reaching views across Rye Bay. It opens from 10am to 4pm with entry £8, not to be missed. Full details on both gardens can be found at www.ngs.org.uk

Oleanders

Last winter was by far the coldest and wettest few months we have had since moving to Sussex in 2004. I and many other gardeners lost plants that would usually survive. In my case that was several oleanders. Oleander plants (otherwise known as nerium oleander) are among the most versatile of shrubs, (pictured in header) with dozens of uses in southern and coastal landscapes. They tolerate a wide range of conditions, including difficult soil, salt spray, high pH, severe pruning, reflected heat from pavements and walls, and drought. The one thing they can't withstand, though, is winter temperatures below -7 °C. However, in cooler climates, you can grow an oleander plant in a container and bring it indoors when temperatures drop, or as I have been doing successfully for several years, heavily fleecing them outdoors.

Last winter, as normal, I protected all five shrubs in the garden with several layers of protective fleece. Sadly, when I removed the protection in the Spring, three had obviously died! Two, however, a red and white one, survived and are flowering well in the garden now. The red was in the ground and the white in a large container, so, no logical explanation. That said, I decided to cut the three damaged plants right back and I am pleased to say that they are now showing signs, albeit slowly, of new growth, so will live again for next year.

Read more of Geoff's garden at: www.driftwoodbysea.co.uk

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