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Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Eastbourne Review

Since our last edition Eastbourne Borough Council have won the Council of the Year from Improvement and Efficiency South East (iESE) for, in the words of the judges, 'Eastbourne's concerted effort to radically overhaul its culture and performance and deliver major improvements to the area.' These changes include the ways in which the Council work. The money saved has enabled us to be one of the few Councils in the country to have protected all frontline services, despite a large reduction in Government Grant.

As a Council we are delighted with the amount of partnership working which now takes place. This not only ensures that far more can be achieved, but also helps to bring the Council closer to the community that it is here to serve. Throughout the Review you will find stories of the successes of partnerships with a wide variety of groups such as The Eastbourne Hospitality Association, the YMCA and the Disability Involvement Group. We are also working closely



with our MP Stephen Lloyd in support of his drive to regenerate our economy and bring more jobs to Eastbourne.

With the arrival of summer Eastbourne has much to offer. In May we saw both Magnificent Motors and a new Cycling Festival. June will see the return of the pre-Wimbledon AEGON International Tennis Championships; in July we have both the 999 Emergency Services display on the Western Lawns and Eastbourne Extreme at the eastern end of the seafront; and in August the popular Airbourne event returns featuring the Red Arrows. In addition to the events, we are investing in the improvement of our parks and have refurbished play areas throughout the town.

However you choose to spend the summer, I hope that you have a great time!

David Tutt
Leader of the Council

Councillor David Elkin Leader of Conservative Group

We all still live in challenging times with all sorts of financial pressures from both the national and international world. However, so far, Eastbourne is doing a bit better than most in these difficult times, benefiting from a good deal of investment by the business community.

It is not a time however to rest on our laurels; parts of the town definitely look a bit worn and are in need of some 'TLC'. The Conservative Group see regeneration and jobs as the absolute priority over the coming years.

Tourism is what Eastbourne is best at, so we need to protect and improve it. That said, our events calendar needs to reflect the changing expectations of visitors, so we will be looking to revitalise the programme.

Our biggest visitor attraction is the Arndale Centre and the Town Centre. There has been lots of talk about redevelopment; we think it is time to stop the talk and get on with the job. However, only in a well thought through way that addresses the current transport issues.

The Conservatives look forward to playing a major part in revitalising our beloved Eastbourne over the coming years.

David Elkin
Leader of the Conservative Group



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Top Awards Marks Council Turnaround



Eastbourne Borough Council has recently been awarded the prestigious 2011 Council of the Year Award. The news follows a remarkable turnaround in the performance of the authority over the last 18 months.

In 2009 the council received the lowest comprehensive area assessment in the South East and a downbeat report from external auditors after their inspection of the annual accounts.

Sweeping changes to the council's senior management structure and working practices soon followed and subsequent independent assessments showed major progress was being made.

In 2010 the council voluntarily invited the Government Office of the South East (GOSE) to undertake a detailed authority wide inspection and were overwhelmed by the unequivocally positive report that followed.

Council Chief Executive Robert Cottrill said "While we are not going to get carried away by this award, it is good to have independent experts say we are moving in the right direction. The Council of the Year Award is made to the authority that has improved the most over the previous year and it is certainly the case that we have come a long way in a relatively short time.

"On behalf of the local voluntary sector, 3VA is delighted to congratulate Eastbourne Borough Council for the 'Council of the Year Award.' The commitment to working with the local community, the 'can-do' approach, and the work to value Eastbourne and raise its profile are all deserving of such recognition. We look forward to continuing to work with EBC to further develop and strengthen our local community for the benefit of all."

Adam Chugg
Chief Executive, 3VA

"I would like to thank all of my staff for their hard work and determination to make very positive changes to this authority.

"I am also very grateful for the cross-party support from all councillors for the measures we have taken and their constructive contributions throughout the process."

The Council of the Year Award is made by IESE (Improvement and Efficiency South East). IESE is one of nine Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships across the UK.

Congratulating the winners, Councillor Paul Bettison, chairman of iESE, said, "Time and again, I'm deeply impressed by the sheer hard work and imagination of council employees to find new ways of meeting the challenges facing their organisations and their communities. These awards celebrate their achievements and help share details of their work so that the sector and its partners can benefit from the best."

"Since December 2009, when the Eastbourne Herald ran a front page article describing Eastbourne Borough Council as one of the worst in the country, I am absolutely delighted that they have picked up the award for 'Council of the Year' in March 2011 – just 15 months after that first damning headline. Since Rob Cottrill and David Tutt took over, leadership of the Council and the transformation in all their working practices has been quite remarkable.

"It is the stated aim of the Eastbourne and District Chamber of Commerce to lobby local and central government on behalf of local business and in the last year, we have noticed a dramatic improvement in the responses received from both the Council and from the local MP, Stephen Lloyd. Now they say, 'the answer's 'yes' – what's the question!'

"Congratulations to the whole Council for achieving a very well deserved award. It's great to see Eastbourne at the top where we belong!"

Christina Ewbank
President
Eastbourne & District Chamber of Commerce



Fantastic Start for MP's 100 Apprenticeships Challenge

Stephen Lloyd's campaign to find 100 apprenticeships for 100 Eastbourne apprentices was launched at Eastbourne Town Hall last month.

Local training providers such as Sussex Downs College and a number of Eastbourne employers were amongst the 200 people who attended the launch to see the challenge get underway.

A whooping 38 apprenticeships were pledged by various local businesses, ensuring the challenge got off to the best possible start.

Stephen Lloyd MP said "I've been working on this initiative for some time now as part of my mission to transform the local economy. Apprenticeships are a fantastic way for young people to learn skills relevant to the workplace, giving them the best possible chance of finding employment, and they are great for businesses too, who can ill afford not to have a highly trained and skilled workforce in such a competitive world.

"I was overwhelmed by the response from the local business community; this challenge is well underway and I would urge those local businesses considering hiring apprentices to find out more about the scheme by contacting me by email at stephen.lloyd.mp@parliament.uk."

Princes Park Enters Prestigious Green Flag Award

Royal Wedding Picnic in the Park



Princes Park is the first public park in Eastbourne to be entered into the prestigious Green Flag Award with over £290,000 in investment planned for the site over the next two years. The Green Flag Award Scheme provides a national benchmark for the best green spaces in the country.

Eastbourne Borough Council will be working closely with the Friends of Princes Park to make significant improvements to the park, including removing the dated paddling pool and introducing a brand new splash pad play water feature. With the Friends' support, many changes have already taken place over the past five years including replacing the ornamental archway over

the main entrance and installing new signs at the park.

Following the move of Magnificent Motors to the site in May boosted by a free Picnic in the Park event for the Royal Wedding attracting thousands of spectators, further improvements could also see the introduction of a tethered hot air balloon and the refurbishment of the vacant bowling greens, as the Council look at options to enhance the existing facilities within Princes Park.

Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cllr Steve Wallis said "The Friends of Princes Park have been working closely with the Council for the past five years and we have developed a successful working relationship, which has seen many improvements already take place. With further investment planned between now and 2012, we have just had the inspection and are hopeful for a positive outcome in July."

A Princes Park Development Plan is in place to determine further improvements, including all the refreshment areas, and to ensure that this important seafront park is retained as a major attraction in Eastbourne for the enjoyment of future generations.

Successful Season for Eastbourne Town FC

Eastbourne Town Football Club are celebrating a successful 2010-11 season with the first team retaining their Ryman League status and the reserve team doing the 'double', winning the SCFA Reserve Section Championship along with the SCFA Intermediate Cup.

It was similar success for the Ladies Team too who ended the season League Champions, winning the title on the last day of the season.

With two Under 18 teams and another 25 teams attached through the Eastbourne Town FC Youth Wing, the Club is looking forward to next

season, which gets underway later this summer, with a good deal of enthusiasm and optimism.

Offering football for boys and girls of all ages and abilities from the age of 6 years upwards, Eastbourne Town FC holds the FA Charter Standard Community Club status and is one of only 12 clubs in Sussex to hold this prestigious award.

Keep checking Eastbourne Town FC's website at www.etfc.biz for details of a special family offer coming later this summer.

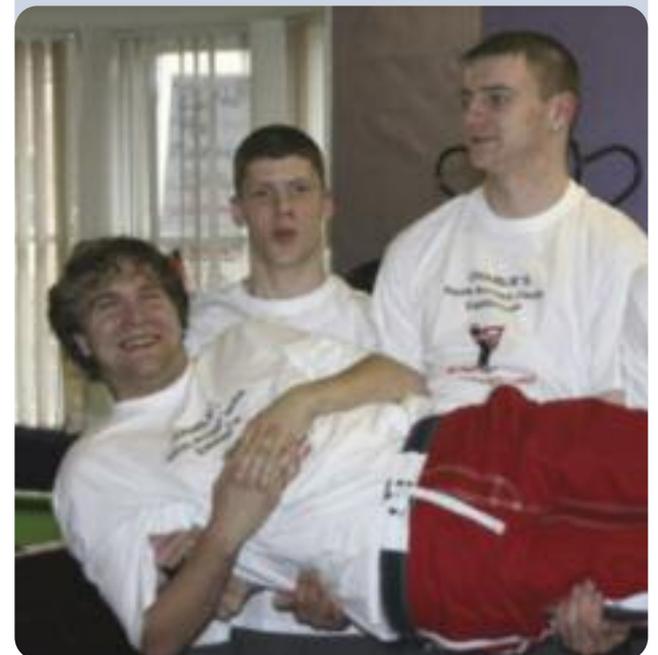
Eastbourne & Wealden YMCA

Eastbourne & Wealden YMCA is a local Christian charity seeking to improve the lives of children, young people and their communities in Eastbourne.

The YMCA work closely with Eastbourne Borough Council, local community groups, schools, statutory bodies and churches to make a real difference.

They are privileged to be able to deliver a raft of projects and activities across the town aimed at changing young lives for the better. These include **three housing projects**, which accommodate and support 30 homeless young people, **Charlie's Youth Access Centre** meeting the many needs of the most vulnerable of young people, various **youth engagement** activities across the town offering diverse opportunities to young people aged 11-19, allowing them to make friends and discover new activities and gain a new sense of self esteem, **homelessness prevention** workshops in schools, the **Inner Journey Project** to South Africa, **Y Kids Action Zone** sports focused activities for 3-11 (beginning in September) and a **chaplaincy service** for young people.

If you would like to find out more about helping the YMCA, please call 01323 439694.



Hidden Histories Deliver £48k Boost for Redoubt

Eastbourne's Redoubt Fortress has just received a grant of almost £50,000 from the Hidden Histories stream of the Heritage Lottery Fund.

After putting forward a bid to create a community project alongside this year's Stitch for Victory exhibition, Eastbourne's Napoleonic venue has been successful in securing £48k in funding.

The grant will be used to appoint a project co-ordinator who will oversee the training of around 20 volunteers to assist with devising and delivering educational sessions to local primary and secondary schools, as well as running hands-on activities at the museums for families and the wider community.

Volunteers will also be trained in oral history interviewing so they can assist in preserving people's memories about stitching during the Second World War. All of the information and

material collected will be presented in a touring exhibition, which will visit community venues in Eastbourne and the surrounding area to compliment the main Stitch for Victory display.

Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet Member for Tourism and Leisure Cllr Neil Stanley said "This is absolutely fantastic news and I would like to say a massive 'well done' to the team at the Redoubt for their success in achieving this funding. The Stitch for Victory exhibition offers something completely different for those interested in finding out about life during the Second World War and it is made even more exciting by the fact that we will be able to add to this with a touring exhibition. I can't wait to see what this project will discover!"

For more information on this project go to www.eastbournemuseums.co.uk or call 01323 410300.



Thanks to Eastbourne Hospitality Association

The Eastbourne Hospitality Association (EHA) is emerging as a leading partner in this year's events programme for Eastbourne, supporting the bumper line up of activities taking place throughout the year.

Working alongside Eastbourne Borough Council, the EHA are continuing to support the town's packed programme of events and pledged sponsorship towards the town's new Cycling Festival, which took place in May, as well as committing to carry out the retiring collection at Airbourne in August.

This year the RNLI is the EHA's chosen charity and will receive 30% of the donations from the retiring collection at Airbourne, with the other money received going towards securing the future of this major event, which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each summer.

Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, Councillor David Tutt said "We are very pleased to work so closely with the EHA and extremely grateful for their support towards the many events we work on. It was down to the EHA's sponsorship that we were able to host the first ever New Year's Day Concert at the Bandstand this year and local accommodation providers play a huge contribution to making the Bandstand concert calendar such a huge success, promoting the concerts to their visitors.

"I am very excited to continue our close and successful working relationship over the coming months to put on some brilliant new events as well as old favourites. Together we can recognise the significant value that tourism has to Eastbourne, attracting over 4.8 million visitors a year and bringing over £336 million into the local economy."

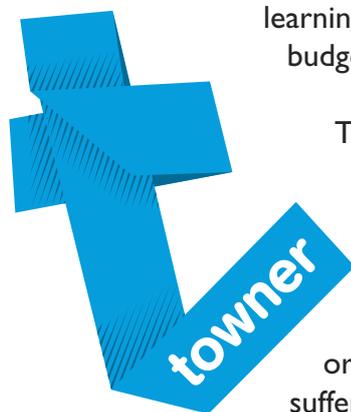
Arts Council double Towner funding

On 30 March the Arts Council announced that it will double funding for Towner from 2012 onwards. Towner's funding will increase from £176,000 in 2011-12 to £375,000 per annum thereafter.

This momentous news comes in the context of government cuts to the Arts Council budget of 29.6% over the next four years, resulting in widespread cuts to arts organisations across the country.

In making their decision the Arts Council recognised the key role Towner currently plays in the national arts infrastructure, and its exceptional ability to deliver their national strategy of 'great art for everyone'.

They also acknowledged the outstanding value that Towner currently offers, delivering major exhibitions and award-winning programmes of



learning and outreach for a fraction of the budget of peer organisations.

The new national portfolio programme will replace the Arts Council's current funding system from April 2012, and all arts organisations across the UK had to reapply. Many well known organisations and arts venues have suffered massive cash cuts or an end to Arts Council financial support altogether.

In the wake of the Arts Council announcement Towner featured on ITV Meridian, BBC South & South East, BBC Sussex Radio and the live Guardian blog – with art critic Laura Cumming writing:

"Artangel, Camden Arts Centre, the Towner Gallery in Eastbourne: all have had richly deserved increases. These are some of the most creative and brilliantly run institutions in visual arts anywhere."

Further Improvements to Town's Play Areas

There have been further improvements to many of Eastbourne's play areas over the past year with 19 being refurbished with new, innovative designs and exciting and challenging equipment.

All shortlisted designs for the play areas' makeovers were taken to local schools for children to have the final vote and choose their favourite design. Some examples of the major schemes include:

Holly Park

Places for People Housing Association (PFP) secured £276k through the BIG Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces Programme to improve the green spaces in Willingdon Trees. After extensive consultation with residents on the estate, the main field area has been extensively landscaped and improved. There are new paths, seats, lighting, an outdoor gym, a skate ramp, a large climbing net and basket swing, a youth meeting area, new football posts and a completely refurbished play area, with new equipment, mounds and sculptures. The field has also had new trees, shrubs and perennials planted to create interest, colour, shelter and shade in future years.

This park is a part of a wider Green Spaces project aimed at working with the local community to improve their environment, led by PFP, which manages homes in Willingdon Trees. The project received an additional boost of £50,000 from Eastbourne Borough Council's Play Pathfinder funding and was officially opened last month by Eastbourne MP Stephen Lloyd.

Roselands Recreation Ground

This play area has been completely refurbished with new equipment and access has been improved throughout the site with new paths. There will be further sensory planting carried out to complete this scheme.

Archery Recreation Ground

This is another site that has seen significant improvement with new, colourful play equipment and an improved safer surface throughout the entire play area.

Hampden Park

A second phase of improvements over the past year has seen the play area extended with a new zip wire, a play bridge installed over the stream, and a sand pit has been created.

Helen Gardens

A new wooden multi play unit and extended enclosed playing area has further enhanced this very popular play area.



QE II Fields in Trust

The QE II Fields Challenge is a new programme to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is organised through Fields in Trust who were previously known as the National Playing Fields Association.

The objective of the challenge is to create a branded network of 2,012 permanently protected outdoor spaces in communities across the UK by 2012 – The Queen Elizabeth II Fields.

A total of seven sites from Eastbourne have been nominated for this scheme, which, if successful will protect them in perpetuity. The areas that have been put forward are:

- Old Town Recreation Ground, Longland Road
- Westlords Playing Field, Willingdon Road
- Princes Park
- Hampden Park
- Holly Park, Holly Place
- Tugwell Park, Tugwell Road
- Potential Bike Trail, off Paradise Drive

Agile Working Phase One Complete

Eastbourne Borough Council has saved more than £300,000 per year through reducing its office accommodation and rolling out the agile working programme, helping it to protect and enhance frontline services in the face of 30% cuts in government funding.

The project has seen the council offices at 1 Grove Road redesigned with almost 70% of staff now hot desking, enabling the council to vacate its rented offices at 66 and 68 Grove Road.

The vast majority of council services are now based at 1 Grove Road making it easier for the community to find and access the relevant team, where they had previously been split across several buildings. The council will now be looking to improve the Customer Contact Centre to enable more customer enquiries and requests to be dealt with at the first point of contact, as quickly as possible.

Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council Cllr David Tutt said "We are very pleased to have successfully completed the first phase of the agile working programme and be in a position where over two thirds of our staff are working flexibly. Where many organisations have been faced with making huge reductions, we have been able to make significant savings through changing the way we work. We have equipped staff with laptops and smart phones so they do not need to be fixed to a desk. Ultimately this means that our officers can spend more time out in the community directly delivering services for our residents."

Staff have been provided with tools to enable them to work out of the office more and over time this will reduce the need for customers to travel to our offices, and enable us to deliver services closer to the customer.

The more efficient ways of working introduced as part of this project will result in further savings, meaning a return on investment of around £3 million over the next 10 years, after the initial £2.6 million investment has been recouped.

Devonshire Park Secures AEGON International Future

Eastbourne received a huge boost earlier this year when it was announced that Devonshire Park will continue as the venue for the AEGON International for the next three years, through 2013.



The Eastbourne site has hosted the prestigious tournament for 37 years, since it began in 1974. Roger Draper, Chief Executive for the LTA said: "We are thrilled to be able to continue with Devonshire Park as the venue to host the AEGON International until 2013. Eastbourne is a fantastic host town for the tournament, with fantastic support for the event from local people since it began.

"We are delighted to be able to secure its future and to be able to deliver world class

tennis to Eastbourne's residents for the next three years. We look forward to working with the Council and local community to continue to grow the event."

The Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, Councillor David Tutt, added: "Tourism is the commercial bedrock of our wonderful town and maintaining international tennis at Devonshire Park has always been a key priority for the council. Working in partnership with the LTA we have now secured top flight tennis in Eastbourne until 2013.

"I know that this news will be universally well received by the many people who love visiting the AEGON International and sharing in the unique experience that the event offers. From the days of Navratilova, Sabatini and Shriver, to modern players such as Clijsters, Henin and Wozniacki, the tournament at Devonshire Park is synonymous with the pre-Wimbledon build up and is becoming an increasingly popular competition for the professionals on the men's tour too."

The prestigious tournament, a combined ATP and WTA event, draws in a world class field each year as highly ranked players take to the grass



courts ahead of The Championships, Wimbledon in London.

Christina Ewbank, President of the Eastbourne & District Chamber of Commerce commented: "This fantastic news will resonate throughout the tourism sector in Eastbourne. Countless businesses rely on the millions of visitors that are drawn to the special environment, superb events and warm hospitality Eastbourne offers and I have no doubt that tennis fans from all over the world will now be making plans to visit the AEGON International, located in the number one resort on the south coast."

Devonshire Park Review

Work is underway to review the whole of Devonshire Park, including a new business plan for the entire site and the arts and cultural activities that are based there.

Following a tender process through trade journals, a number of companies put forward their proposals and Council officers, Members and representatives from the Lawn Tennis Association, local businesses and hoteliers were joined by representatives from the Arts Council, East Sussex County Council and the Theatre's Trust to make an appointment.

The project was originally instigated due to the problems with the 1960s façade at The Congress, which saw part of the concrete cladding break away due to environmental damage and salt corrosion. In considering the level of investment required to repair the



windows, alongside work to ensure the theatre, conference, event and tennis facilities meet modern audience demands, a decision was taken to hold the repairs until a full review of the site and its business potential was known.

Alongside the arts venues, the review will include the offices, car parks and conference and tennis facilities, in order to understand the opportunity and business case for any future development or investment.

A key part of the work will also be to review the options for governance, helping stakeholders to realise the vision alongside the potential to transfer the venues from their current status, which is under direct Local Authority management, to an alternative model. This could take a variety of forms and understanding these before making a decision on any future development is essential.

The Council's vision is for Devonshire Park to be a distinct, visually inspiring and high value cultural destination, which can accommodate a diverse set of needs.

Current site users will be very involved in this process and members of the public will be invited to share their views throughout the process. The Council hope to publish the initial proposals during the summer months before agreeing the final options in the autumn.

Summer Events Guide



Jill Townsley, Spoons, 2010



June

- On now – 29 September** Strictly Comedy and Dancing, Royal Hippodrome Theatre (Tuesday – Thursday)
- On now – 30 September** Concerts at the Bandstand, Eastbourne Bandstand
- On now – 9 October** The Art of Giving, Towner
- On now – 13 November** Stitch for Victory, Redoubt Fortress
- 11 – 18 June** AEGON International Tennis Championships, Devonshire Park
- 12 – 13 June** Tennis Legends Exhibition Event, Devonshire Park
- 14 – 18 June** The Ghost & Mrs Muir, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 17 June** Sally Morgan, Congress Theatre
- 19 June** The Vienna Proms, Congress Theatre
- 21 June** To Be Frank: Frankie Howard, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 22 – 23 June** Showstopper! The Improvised Musical, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 23 June** Rock 'n' Roll Paradise, Congress Theatre
- 24 June** Two Halves of Guinness, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 24 – 25 June** Armed Forces Weekend, Redoubt Fortress
- 25 June** Human Table Football Fest 2011 & Talent Showcase, Western Lawns
- 25 June** Lark in the Park Fun Day, Seaside Recreation Ground
- 25 June** Footsteps of Ravilious Guided Walks, Towner
- 25 June** The Fitzrovia Radio Hour, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 26 June** Swing Session 9 with the Paul Davis Big Band, Congress Theatre
- 27 June – 2 July** Calendar Girls, Congress Theatre

July

- 1 – 3 July** Continental Market, Seafront Promenade between Pier and Bandstand
- 1 – 2 July** The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 2 – 3 July** 999 Emergency Services Display, Western Lawns
- 2 July – 18 September** Compulsive, Obsessive, Repetitive, Towner
- 2 July – 25 September** John Piper in Kent & Sussex, Towner
- 3 July** Chestnut Tree House Midnight Walk, Seafront
- 4 – 9 July** Blood Brothers, Congress Theatre
- 5 July** Tea Dances, Winter Garden
- 7 – 9 July** My Dogs Got No Nose, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 12 July** The Time of Our Lives 3, Congress Theatre
- 14 July – 13 August** Murder by Misadventure, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 15 July** Rock 'n' Roll Paradise, Congress Theatre
- 16 – 17 July** Eastbourne Extreme, Eastern Seafront
- 17 July** Eastbourne Ardman Triathlon, Western Seafront
- 18 – 22 July** AEGON Summer County Cup
- 20 – 30 July** Anything Goes Presented by The Rattonians, Congress Theatre
- 21 July** John Mann Music Show, Winter Garden
- 26 July** Tea Dance, Winter Garden
- 29 – 31 July** Men's 35 Veterans' Tennis GB Inter County Championships, Devonshire Park

July (continued)

30 July	Lonnie Donegan Jnr, Winter Garden
30 – 31 July	Lammas Festival, Western Lawns
30 – 31 July	Deco In Style present RAF Ops Room Experience, Redoubt Fortress
31 July	Glenn Miller Orchestra, Congress Theatre



August

1 – 6 August	Devonshire Park Junior Open Tennis, Devonshire Park
2 – 6 August	Tell Me On a Sunday, Congress Theatre
3 August	Summer Wrestling Spectacular, Winter Garden
3 – 9 August	The Netherlands National Circus, Princes Park
6 August	Eastbourne Dog Show, Hampden Park
7 August	Ken Dodd, Congress Theatre
7 August	Classic Bus Rally, Eastbourne Miniature Steam Railway
11 August	Jimmy Carr, Congress Theatre
11 – 14 August	Airbourne: Eastbourne International Airshow, Western Seafront
14 August	That'll Be The Day, Congress Theatre
15 – 18 August	Spirit of the Dance, Congress Theatre
18 August – 3 September	See How They Run, Devonshire Park Theatre
19 August	Jim Davidson, Congress Theatre
19 – 31 August	Funfair, Princes Park
20 – 21 August	The Go!Go!Go! Show, Congress Theatre
23 August	Tea Dances, Winter Garden
24 August	Len Phillips Big Band, Winter Garden
25 August – 4 September	Summer Ice Spectacular, Congress Theatre
25 August	John Mann Music Show, Winter Garden
26 August	Screaming Blue Murder Comedy Club, Winter Garden
26 – 28 August	Family Fun Bonanza, Eastbourne Rugby Club
26 – 28 August	Women's 35 Veterans' Tennis GB Inter County Championships, Devonshire Park
27 – 29 August	RNLI Regatta, Sovereign Harbour
28 August	Seth Lakeman Live at the Bandstand, Eastbourne Bandstand
28 August	Italia in Piazza Market, Middle Promenade between Pier and Bandstand
29 August – 3 September	LTA South of England Tennis Championships, Devonshire Park
29 August	Family Drop-in Art & Craft Workshop, Redoubt Fortress



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*calls cost 10p per minute from BT landlines. Calls from non-BT lines or mobile networks may vary.

September

3 September	Shinewater Fun Day, Shinewater Park
3 September	Marie Curie Walk 10, Starts Western Lawns
4 September	MG South Downs Run, Western Lawns
8 – 11 September	Secrets of the Redoubt tours, Redoubt Fortress
10 – 11 September	Continental Market, Seafront Promenade between Pier and Bandstand
24 – 25 September	Deco In Style present Life on the Home Front, Redoubt Fortress

A Cultural Development Framework for Eastbourne

Following on from the achievements of local residents to increase the profile of culture in Eastbourne, a review of work achieved in the previous Cultural Strategy was undertaken and in consultation with local groups and societies, a new framework was commissioned.

Officers from Tourism & Leisure, Planning and Community worked with elected Members and representatives from the local voluntary, arts and cultural sector to agree a brief for an external expert to help facilitate this work.

Thanks to a Government grant to develop culture and sport – achieved through Towner's outreach programme – an external expert was able to be commissioned and Tom Fleming and his team have been working on this in Eastbourne over the last few months.

The project was kick-started with a workshop at the Winter Garden, where around 130 people

gathered to give their views and thoughts in an open session and in break-out groups, subsequently leading to consultation with around 30 separate groups.

In parallel, a number of structured workshops were held focusing on those areas that were less well represented at the Winter Garden – including Sports and Leisure, Creative Industries and Local Businesses and Young People. These in turn led to further sessions with sports clubs and specific workshops with the University, FE College and Cavendish School.

The overall aim of the work is to develop a stronger partnership model between the Council, the various groups, clubs and societies providing cultural activity in the town and to set out an agreed vision, priorities and action plan.

Work is now drawing to a close and the Council will soon be sharing the first draft of the framework with all the participants. This will include a set of actions that can be achieved easily and quickly, such as stronger information sharing, supportive networks and shared activities, as well as longer term aspirations for cultural development.

The framework will be published and used to help develop a strong cultural sector in Eastbourne, which will continue to grow and thrive in a structured and mutually supportive environment.



Newly Refurbished Eastbourne Heritage Centre

The Eastbourne Heritage Centre, in Carlisle Road, is a charming Grade II listed building and the home of the Eastbourne Society.

Refurbished for the 50th anniversary of the Society in 2011, it houses a permanent exhibition about the history of Eastbourne. Maps, pictures and artefacts show the town's development from early farming settlements to a fashionable Victorian seaside resort. There are also three special exhibitions and a series of informative talks and activities for the 2011 season.

Visit the Victorian-style cinema to see vintage films about Eastbourne and the shop which offers cards, books, Heritage Centre gifts and Eastbourne Society publications including the Heritage Walks – nine illustrated leaflets of walks in and around the town.

Special exhibitions for 2011 include Saving a Century, on now until July, Image Eastbourne from 9 July – 29 August, and Crime, Punishment and Local Justice from 3 September – 29 October. Talks take place throughout the year offering the chance for visitors to learn more about a variety of subjects, including the History of Punch and Judy and Victorian Photographers.

Please note: Entry to special exhibitions is included in the admission charge to the Heritage Centre, open daily 2–5pm, until 29 October including Bank Holidays. For more information go to www.eastbourneheritagecentre.co.uk or call 01323 411189.

24 Years of 999 Display

The first weekend of July will celebrate the 24th year of Eastbourne's popular 999 Emergency Services Display taking place on the Western Lawns.

One of the country's biggest displays of its kind, the Eastbourne event takes place from 2–3 July 2011 and offers visitors the chance to get a real insight into what life's like in the Emergency Services.

The free event brings together teams from Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS), South East Coast Ambulance

Service (SECAMB), the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the RNLI, and will again demonstrate links across the channel being joined by contingents from the French National Gendarmerie.

With the chance to meet members of the Emergency Services and look at their vehicles on the Western Lawns, visitors will also witness breathtaking simulations, including a daring cliff rescue and a simulated road collision.

For more information and a timetable of displays visit www.999display.co.uk or www.visiteastbourne.com, or telephone 0871 663 0031.

Town Centre Area Action Plan: Next Steps

Following large scale public consultation on an Issues and Options Report last summer, the next steps are now being taken towards an Area Action Plan for Eastbourne Town Centre that will shape its future up until 2027.

Residents, workers, businesses and visitors were asked to give their feedback and comments on a range of issues concerning the future of the Town Centre; from the provision of shopping facilities and the need to respect and maintain historic buildings, to issues such as the lack of connections between the main attractions and the ring road and bus interchange.

Seven key themes were identified in the Issues and Options Report and feedback was collected via the Council's website and facebook and twitter profiles, through a series of exhibitions and through school workshops where children were able to build a 3D model of the Town Centre and were asked how they'd like to see the Town Centre develop.

The Area Action Plan has now been drawn up based on the feedback received last summer, which aligns the vision for the Town Centre with the Core Strategy for Eastbourne. The vision states that:

“By 2027, Eastbourne Town Centre will be a place that attracts more shoppers, workers, residents and visitors to spend more time enjoying a vibrant and varied offer and mix of uses in a well connected series of attractive streets and public spaces. Increasing investment in the town will bring wide ranging benefits and will allow Eastbourne to respond positively to climate change.”

The Area Action Plan contains four key policy themes that will shape the regeneration of the Town Centre over the next 16 years:

- **Supporting a mix of uses**
- **Town Centre identity**
- **Town Centre public realm**
- **Accessing the Town Centre**

The Area Action Plan also identifies a number of locations within the Town Centre that will be targeted for development.

There will be a further 9 week period for the community to make comments on the Plan this summer and once it has been agreed by Cabinet, it will be available to view and give feedback on via the Council website.

One-stop Shop for Job Seekers

Eastbourne Works opened its doors for the first time in May at 5 Langley Road in the town centre.

Eastbourne Works is a new one-stop-shop for job seekers in the town. The aim of the shop is to provide access to information and advice, which will enable those looking for work to make informed choices and receive tailored support enabling them to move forward with their job search. It will encourage clients to learn new skills where appropriate and signpost them to work opportunities.

Funding for the project has come from the Learning and Skills Improvement Service. The pump priming investment has enabled an exciting new partnership to be formed, which includes Sussex Downs College, Eastbourne Borough Council, Job Centre Plus, 3VA and the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

The one stop shop is open for people to drop in from 9am until 5pm each weekday with extended opening until 7pm on a Wednesday evening and from 9.30am – 12.30pm on Saturday mornings.



Cycling

Eastbourne Borough Council is committed to seeing greater use of cycling around the town and has been working in partnership with East Sussex County Council to produce a borough wide cycling strategy.

This will map out safe routes and identify much needed facilities at key locations around the town. It will propose a network of routes to link the community to places they want to go, such as shops, work and leisure sites.

Cycling is a healthy and practical way to travel around the town and also helps reduce our carbon footprint.

Once the draft strategy is written we will be asking the community to comment on the proposals before seeking to adopt the final version later in the year.

The Council and County Council are also working on two specific cycling routes. The first is along Horsey Sewer and when the designs were exhibited late last year, the community showed their support with 90% agreeing it was a good idea. The route will begin to be implemented later this year.

The second route is proposed along the western end of King Edwards Parade from the foot of the Downs to the Wish Tower. The detailed design of this route is being finalised for further consultation this summer. The initial consultation showed that 80% of those who commented supported the proposal.

Cycling will be the focus of activity for the Council during this year so watch out for more announcements.

Langney Community Centre Opens

Langney Community Centre, in Etchingam Road, has re-opened following essential building works that have taken place to bring the community facility back into use.

The roof and guttering, and steps and paving at the front of the building have been repaired, some windows and doors have been replaced, a new boiler has been installed, and other essential safety works and repairs have been carried out.

The work so far has covered the main hall, entrance area, toilets and kitchen, and was completed in partnership with Eastbourne Homes, Mears and with support from Ward Members in St. Anthony's and Langney using grants from their devolved budgets.

The hall, kitchen and storage area are now available for hire and Eastbourne Borough Council would like to hear from anyone interested in hiring the space. Priority will be given to those organising events and activities for the local community but the Council would like to talk to anyone interested in using the Centre.

Before spending additional money on equipping the kitchen, storage and office areas, and refurbishing the former social club area and bar,



the Council would like to get the views of residents, community groups and other interested organisations on its future use and design.

Over the coming months the Council will be carrying out a survey of residents and other stakeholders on the kind of activities they would like to see or organise in the Centre and what can be done to make the best use of the space within the Centre.

The Council will also be working with 3VA to support a new community organisation to set up and manage the building on behalf of the local community.

For more information or to book a space, please contact Pat Taylor by email at pat.taylor@eastbourne.gov.uk or call 01323 415909.

Important Changes to Housing and Council Tax Benefits Rules

Housing Benefit helps you pay your rent. Council Tax Benefit helps you with your Council Tax bill. If you make a new claim from 1 April 2011 and you rent from a private landlord all these changes will apply to you.

If you currently receive Housing Benefit under the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) scheme the following changes may affect you:

- The maximum LHA Rate will be for a 4-bedroom property.
- LHA rates will be limited to a maximum amount of £400 per week. Our Eastbourne rates have not been restricted.
- £15 weekly excess payments will stop. This change will happen from your 'Anniversary' date.
- LHA rates have been set differently from 1 April 2011. All LHA Rates are now set so that about 3 in 10 properties in Eastbourne should be affordable to you. Existing

customers may be entitled to further help for up to 9 months.

- If you receive overnight care provided by a carer who doesn't normally live with you then you may be entitled to an extra room allowance.
- Non-dependant rates have increased from 1 April 2011. Non-dependants are adult friends or family who normally live with you.
- LHA rate for single and under 35 is planned to change from 1 January 2012. The full details of this change will not be known until later this year.
- Our Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP's) scheme fund has increased. The DHP scheme helps people who currently receive Benefits who need some extra help.

For further information go to www.eastbourne.gov.uk/benefits

Building Control and Highways Teams on the Move!

Two teams from the Borough Council have relocated to other nearby authorities.

The Eastbourne Building Control staff have teamed up with Wealden District Council to form a new partnership. The new service is called the East Sussex Building Control Partnership.

The Eastbourne staff have transferred to Wealden District Council who will manage the new service for both local authorities.

Eastbourne customers will still be able to use the Council offices at 1 Grove Road, near the library, to drop off building regulation applications and correspondence. The offices will also accept applications for sites in Wealden DC.

Having a larger team to deal with the many different types of applications will mean customers will be getting a more bespoke service. Officers are also more mobile and will have more time to spend with the customer on site.

The new service can be contacted by emailing planning@wealden.gov.uk or by calling 01892 602005. For further information visit www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Planning_and_Building_Control

The Eastbourne Highways Team has also been on the move. The Highways Service was provided by Eastbourne Borough Council with the agreement of East Sussex County Council (ESCC). That contracted agreement has come to an end and the staff have now moved to the County Council.

There is no change to the Service provided. Customers can still contact the same telephone number to register faults, problems and complaints about highway matters.

To contact the Highways Team email highways@eastsussex.gov.uk, call 0345 60 80 193 or visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport

Faiths Forum

Eastbourne's Faiths Forum was established in January 2008 to give people of faith a formal voice in the town. The forum meets about four times a year and holds events during Inter Faith Week, which takes place in November.

The forum helps to raise awareness of the diverse range of religions, faiths and beliefs in Eastbourne. Members work together on areas of concern that are common to all and initiatives that promote how important faith is to community development and cohesion.

Currently the council is working in partnership with the Faiths Forum on two initiatives for 2011; the first is the production of an information leaflet that will raise awareness of the Forum, its members and their work, and the second is to facilitate an event during Inter Faith week in November 2011.

Forum members are also working with Eastbourne Homes Limited, who are sponsoring the design of a faith based web directory for Eastbourne. The web directory will be called Faith and Beliefs in Eastbourne. All faiths, irrespective of whether they are a member of the Faiths Forum are invited to have an entry and in the first instance should contact Traci Gasson, Equality and Diversity Co-ordinator, on telephone number 436462, or email traci.gasson@eastbournehomes.org.uk. Further information on the Faiths Forum is available on www.eastbourne.gov.uk

Disability Roadshow

Eastbourne Disability Involvement Group (DIG) is continuing its successful series of workshops and exhibitions this year with a Disability Roadshow taking place in September.



Set up in 2007 to assist the Council with its equality work, the DIG has worked closely with the Council and external organisations and voluntary groups to showcase goods, services and facilities available to disabled people in Eastbourne.

After staging several Scooterbility workshops promoting responsible scooter usage, the DIG held its first major exhibition two years ago with more than 20 organisations taking the opportunity to reach the disabled community in Eastbourne.

This year the DIG are looking ahead to their third major exhibition and commercial organisations, charities and voluntary groups are being invited to take part in this year's Disability Roadshow, which will take place in The Devonshire Halls behind the Winter Garden, from 10.30am – 2.30pm on 8 September.

Anyone interested in taking a stand should email equality@eastbourne.gov.uk or call 01323 415163 before 8 July.

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AGE concern Eastbourne

Age Concern Eastbourne has been quietly caring for the people of Eastbourne for over 64 years, a record of local service of which we are justifiably proud. On the 1 April this year we severed links with Age UK and decided to become a truly independent local charity; the only one of its kind wholly dedicated to the wellbeing of older people in Eastbourne.

Everything that we do is about Eastbourne and every penny we raise locally is spent locally, either through providing the fantastic range of activities and services that make such a difference to the lives of so many people in our town or in simply being there when help is needed.

We believe that every person should be able to look forward to later life with confidence; knowing that organisations like ours will always be there to provide help, advice and opportunities to take part in activities that promote independence and wellbeing.

With your support we can secure an even brighter future for older people in Eastbourne. You can help us in so many ways, either through a gift of cash, a bequest in your will or by donating goods that we can sell in our shops.

Any amount, no matter how small will help us – for example a donation of just £1.00 will fund 20 information leaflets. Please donate today and help us to continue to provide the services that make such a difference to the lives of so many people in our town.

Age Concern Eastbourne – 01323 638474

Summer at the fortress



**Sat 25, Sun 26 June Free event
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Sat 30 & Sun 31 July - 11am - 4pm

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Mon 29 August - 11am - 3pm

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THE OCEAN SUITE

The development of the Ocean Suite at Eastbourne Pier has created one of the most spectacular private hire venues on the south coast.

The Ocean Suite is reached via stairs up to a private traditional terrace area which offers unbeatable 360° sea views. The suite can hold up to 200 guests. Guests can enjoy the comfortable surroundings and state of the art facilities in the suite and then walk out onto the roof terrace and private sun deck, complete with mini bar to take in the beautiful Sussex coastline.

As you arrive into the Ocean Suite the sense of space and light is amazing. The suite is glass to three sides and bathed in natural light which gives a spectacular feeling of being on board a luxury boat.

The room itself has been given a cool finish of light creams and jet black which compliment the champagne bar decor running almost the full length of the back wall. The striking lighting gives a crisp feel to the whole room which is a complete contrast with the blue of the ocean surrounding the suite.

The Ocean Suite offers unrivalled fine dining options through RED Anywhere who will manage all catering on site, headed up by Daniel Clarke (Master Chef of Great Britain).

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We are without doubt Eastbourne's best kept secret, so if you can't keep a secret then please feel free to find out more about us and the incredible work that we do and how YOU can become involved.

Give Local Help Local

To enable us to continue to deliver the services that make such a positive difference to the lives of so many older people in our town, Age Concern Eastbourne relies on voluntary support including legacies and donations. If you are able to provide support in whatever capacity, please contact us and help us to share Eastbourne's best kept secret.

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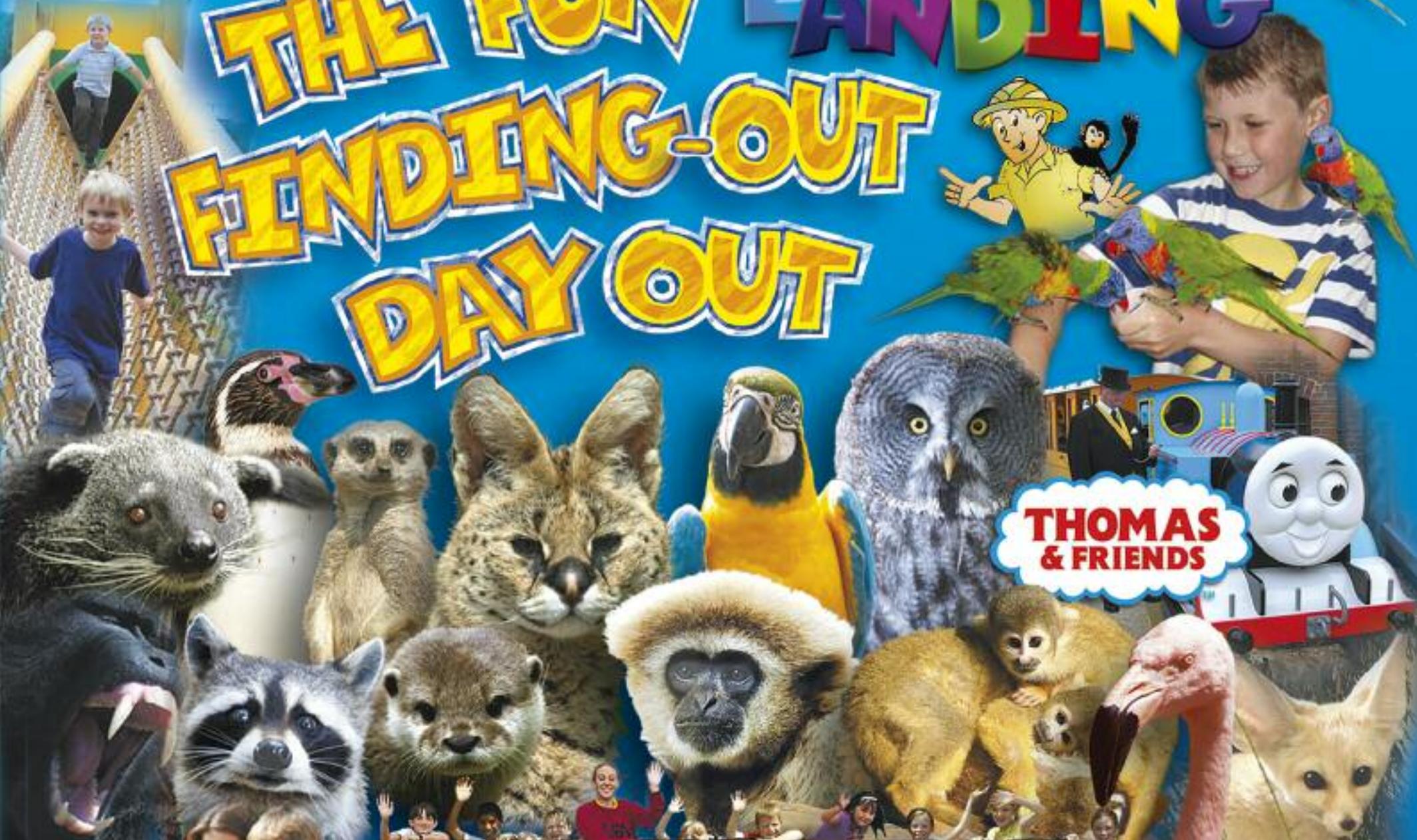


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