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Spring 2012



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Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Eastbourne Review

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Eastbourne Review. The Council has now set its budget for the coming financial year and I am delighted to be able to say that despite a large reduction in the size of grant provided by central Government, the stable financial base that we have created means that we will not be cutting any of our front line services and the level of Council Tax will remain the same for the third successive year.



There is much new investment planned across the town. This year will see the introduction of an exciting new street market at the top end of Terminus Road. Closer to the station Legal and General are planning to invest £65m to extend the Arndale Centre, and at Sovereign Harbour there are plans to improve the retail park. I am also delighted that a new company have taken over Treasure Island and that this much loved facility will be open again this Spring.

With the arrival of warmer weather Eastbourne has an exciting range of events to look forward to: the Eastbourne Festival gets underway from 7 April, Magnificent Motors will take place on the eastern seafront and Princes Park this year from 5–6 May, and on 2 June Stephen Lloyd's MP's Commission is bringing the Carnival back to Eastbourne

forming part of a long weekend of celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee. Tickets for the AEGON International Tennis event at Devonshire Park in mid June are now on sale and are selling fast. Details of this and a packed programme of events can be found on pages 8 and 9. Whatever you choose to do this summer I hope that you have lots of fun!

David Tutt
Leader of the Council

Councillor David Elkin Leader of Conservative Group

On a bright sunny day 22 years ago Sandra, my wife, and I, stumbled upon a very special place while out for the day looking for a new business opportunity. We had already travelled the length and breadth of the country to no avail. Then one day we stumbled upon this special place. It was surrounded by rolling Downs with horses, sheep, cattle and loads of rabbits. It had theatres aplenty, the best pier in the South, the best Victorian seafront in the world, restaurants, real pubs, cinemas, fishing, cycling, swimming, sailing, rowing, and golf courses as good as any in the world. Shops to please all, flowers and flower beds that are the



envy of all. Hotels, holiday apartments and B&Bs for every taste and pocket. More football teams than you can count. Plus world class tennis, the Red Arrows and events for all tastes. Sandra and I fell in love with that place and did buy a business and have flourished ever since. By now you will have realised it's our precious town of Eastbourne. But sometimes it's just good to reflect on how good it is. My group will

fight tooth and nail to protect Eastbourne's unique ambience.

David Elkin
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Diamond Jubilee celebrations & the return of the Eastbourne Carnival!

Eastbourne is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee year with a free Eastbourne Fiesta extravaganza from 2 – 4 June, plus a special Towner project, which will aim to create the first ever photomosaic of the queen's face made up from thousands of photographs of her subjects!

The return of the Eastbourne Carnival after more than 15 years, which is being organised by the MP's Commission and renamed the Sunshine Carnival, signals the start of the three day festival on Saturday 2 June bringing together a dazzling array of costumes, dressed floats and dancers in this seafront procession, ending in a spectacular seafront party.

This will be complemented by the second year of Eastbourne

Fiesta, taking place on the Western Lawns, and celebrating cultures from around the world. Visitors can join in a giant outdoor Zumba class, celebrate the best of British ale with a mini beer festival, and enjoy live music on the Fiesta stage.



Eastbourne Cultural Communities Network promise a day of global fusion on Sunday 3 June, featuring food, music and dance. From cookery demonstrations and an Italian Market to Bollywood dancing, Eastbourne will be a hive of cultural activity.

Visitors are invited to join the Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 3 June too and bring their picnics to the Western Lawns to take part in a nationwide community lunch.



On Monday 4 June, Eastbourne will gather to celebrate the Queen's 60th year on the throne with live music, a classic motor cavalcade and fun competitions from Best Crown to Barn Dancing, plus a big screen showing live TV events including the Jubilee Concert in London. A dressed flotilla of yachts will mark the occasion mirroring the Thames event in London, sailing from Sovereign Harbour Marina to the iconic Beachy Head Lighthouse. Beacon lighting and fireworks will round off the evening making this a weekend not to be missed!

Towner Contemporary Art Museum will be celebrating the occasion too with a unique project in partnership with the BBC and visitors are invited to submit photographs to be used in the mosaic portrait.

For more information go to www.visiteastbourne.com/jubilee or telephone 0871 663 0031*.

Eastbourne Ancestors

Eastbourne Museum Service is preparing for an exciting year in 2012 with plans for a groundbreaking project to discover more about Eastbourne's ancestors and unearth the history of those who lived and worked in the town in Saxon times and beyond!

Eastbourne Ancestors will involve a detailed scientific analysis of the Museum Service's entire human skeletal collection, around 300 individuals, with forensic facial reconstruction, exciting and accessible interpretation, a full education programme and an interactive exhibition at the end of the project.

The Museum Service will be recruiting up to 150 volunteers to take part in the project with the chance to enjoy hands-on archaeology,

while also working with experts and students at Bournemouth, Kent and Durham Universities to carry out some of the analysis.

School children will be invited to watch the project in action as temporary laboratories are set up at the Town Hall offering the opportunity to watch detailed analysis of the bones and environmental sampling take place as the Museum Service begin to identify more about the people who once lived in Eastbourne.

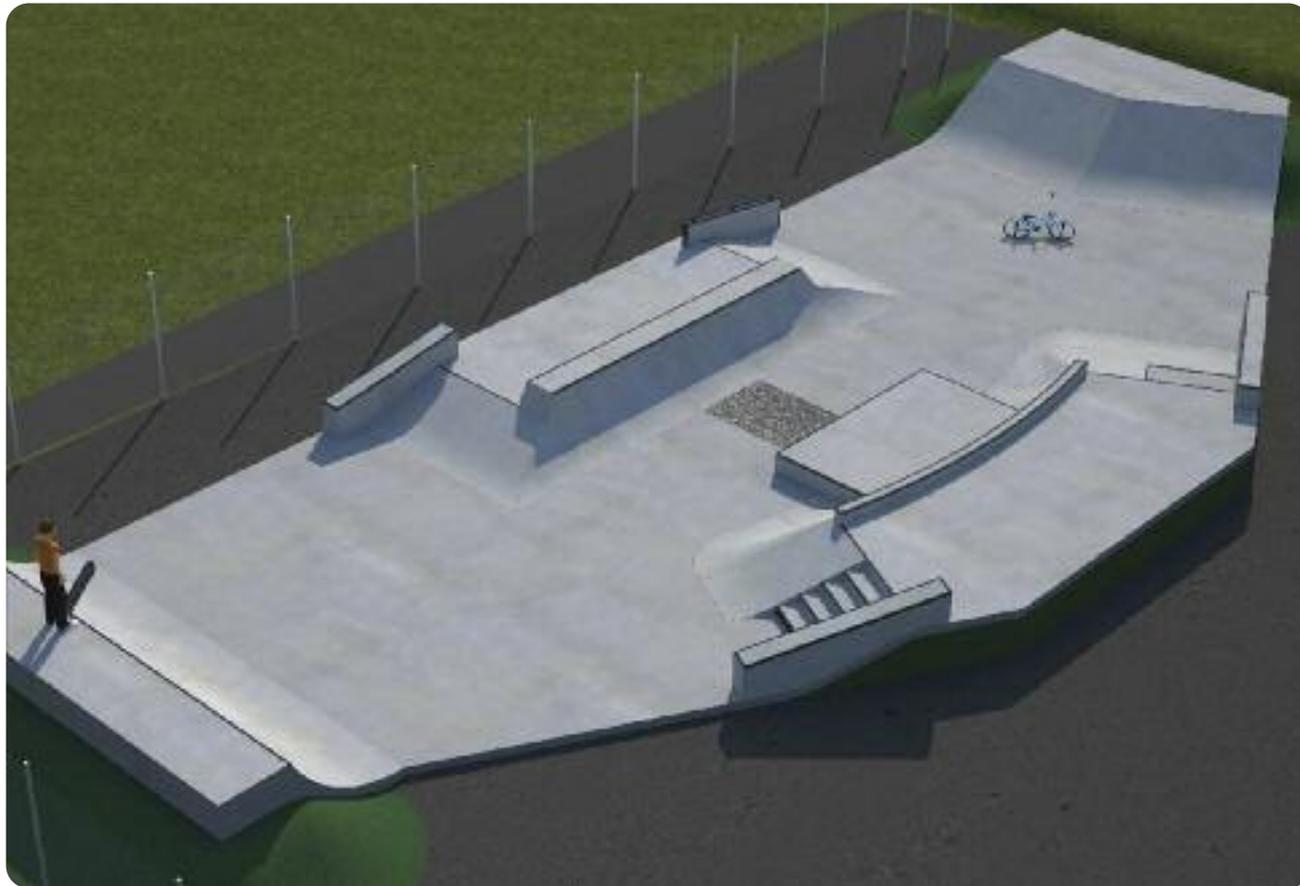
The project will be supported by the Museum Service's second annual excavation, which will take place this year on land formerly known as Pockocks on the Rodmill Estate, located between Burton Road and Kings Drive. The area was once the site of a building of apparent medieval origins,

which was later subdivided and given the name Pockocks Cottages. The excavation will try to identify the origins of the buildings and establish whether this could have been the 'Great House' of the lost Manor of Radmeld-Beverington.

The community dig will be carried out between 14 July and 12 August as part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology and organisers are calling for volunteers to come forward and sign up to take part in the excavation. Volunteers will have the chance to find the building itself and discover traces of the people who once lived there and uncover some rubbish pits at the rear of the building, which should provide a valuable insight into the social status and lifestyle of the former occupants.

For more information on Eastbourne Ancestors or to volunteer call Museum Officer Jo Seaman on 01323 415396 or email localhistory@eastbourne.gov.uk

Manor Gardens Skate Park



Eastbourne's Big Lottery funded skate park at Manor Gardens is on track to be completed this spring promising an impressive new recreational facility for young people in the town.

The £85k project is part of the Council's Play Strategy aimed at raising the profile of play facilities and opportunities for all children and young people living and visiting Eastbourne.

Young people have played an instrumental role throughout the project, from being consulted on what type of facility they would like, to providing feedback on the final scheme. They were unanimous in their decision for a concrete skate park and helped to draw up a 'wish list' for the facility before sharing their views on the four schemes presented. Work is scheduled to be completed by late spring.

The new skate park will be located behind the café in Gildredge Park and features include a long quarter pipe, big pyramid style hip and a long curved bank. A noise mitigation fence has been completed and a basketball court will be relocated to an adjacent court.

The Boat Project to sail to Eastbourne

THE BOAT PROJECT

Lone Twin

What connects a piece of Jimi Hendrix's guitar, sections of Henry VIII's warship The Mary Rose, and Lord Nelson's HMS Victory with a Masai warrior's club that has killed lions, an ewe tree that fell in the 1987 hurricane and a plank from the new Olympic Velodrome?

The answer is The Boat Project – a living archive of British people's stories and lives fashioned into a remarkable 30ft sea-faring vessel created from wooden objects that hold personal significance to the people and communities that donated them.

The Boat Project is part of Artists Taking the Lead, a series of 12 public art commissions across the UK to celebrate the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, and funded by the UK Arts

Councils. The team behind the South East region's venture is Lone Twin, one of Europe's leading performance companies, led by artists Gregg Whelan and Gary Winters.

This summer residents and visitors will have the chance to see the completed yacht, which is yet to be named, as it sails into Sovereign Harbour Marina as part of its maiden voyage along the south coast of England with a harbour-side celebration on Thursday 5 July.



The boat will set sail on its maiden voyage in May, as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, and will stop at venues including Brighton, Weymouth, Portsmouth, Eastbourne, Hastings, Margate and Milton Keynes. Visitors will have the chance to learn more about the project, the stories of those who contributed, and the donated items that have been used to build the finished boat.

The yacht has been built by Lone Twin and a team, which includes acclaimed sailor and boat-builder Mark Covell (Olympic Silver Medallist, Open Star Sailing, Sydney 2000) and international boat designer Simon Rogers (Artemis 20) who have used traditional wooden boat-building techniques combined with 21st Century technology. The completed yacht will be capable of reaching speeds in excess of 20 knots.

For more information on The Boat Project and its maiden voyage go to www.theboatproject.com



Eastbourne Town Centre

Since Legal & General announced their plans last year to invest £65 million in Eastbourne with an extension to the Arndale Centre, they have been working behind the scenes with their architects to design a modern, attractive, high quality building that will provide a new and important landmark for the Town Centre.

The extension will provide up to 24 new shops between the existing Arndale Centre and the railway station and will allow some existing shops to expand into larger units. The proposals will also generate up to 500 new jobs in the construction and retail trade.

Many fashion retailers have expressed an interest in opening in Eastbourne but at present, the Town Centre does not have enough larger sized units

to meet their needs. The extension will therefore allow the creation of larger units to attract primarily new fashion retailers to the town.

The plans are currently being finalised and an application for planning permission is expected to be submitted to the Council before the end of March, with a view to the scheme being completed by 2016.

The Council are keen to use the development to help the locally unemployed and will be working with Legal and General to ensure that some of the construction jobs are used to train local people. The Council will also be looking to ensure a good percentage of the new jobs created in the shops will be available to the local community.

Digital plans progress in Eastbourne

In the next few weeks CloudConnX Ltd, Eastbourne's dedicated digital communications company will be powering up its new locally based communications network and DataCentre facility, covering Eastbourne with a broadband services network so highly featured that it turns the town into one of the most 'digitally enabled' business centres along the south east coast.

In addition to offering conventional land based fibre optic broadband technology, the CloudConnX service will also offer the town's business community the added flexibility of ultra fast, ultra high capacity wireless based broadband circuits and associated DataCentre services that are not available anywhere else in East Sussex.

Providing a powerful mix of high speed digital communications, however, is only half the story as the CloudConnX DataCentre facility brings to Eastbourne its very own 'Cloud Computing' service; allowing any business to devolve the costly and complex overheads associated with running in-house computer systems to a locally based, high security DataCentre staffed by expert CloudConnX personnel.

With this new local 'Cloud Computing' and Broadband Service facility, CloudConnX bring a new competitive edge to Eastbourne by giving the business community the computing tools required to successfully compete in any market they choose, regionally, nationally or globally. This is hoped to be in place for summer 2012.

Eastbourne YouthBank

Young people are to decide how to spend £18,000 thanks to a grant awarded by the Council to establish an Eastbourne YouthBank!

Eastbourne Borough Council awarded the YouthBank project a grant of £8,000 with an additional boost from East Sussex County Council's Targeted Youth Support Service!

It is hoped that Eastbourne YouthBank will be an exciting and innovative youth led grant giving scheme. It's all part of the Council's drive to actively involve young people in the town by giving them real responsibility over the way this pot of money is spent.

YouthBank is unique in that it encourages young people to apply for small grants themselves from this funding with help from a supportive organisation. A panel of young people will also decide who receives a grant.

It is hoped that the scheme will be launched in the autumn when grants, likely to be anything between £500 and up to £2,000, will be available.

YouthBank isn't just about handing out grants for good causes though – it's about making sure that young people are meaningfully involved in the community by giving them real responsibility over the kinds of projects, facilities and activities available to them. Not only will they reap the benefits of a grant but they will learn new skills as well as ensuring that money is better targeted to what young people want and need.

Young people, aged 11 – 19, and organisations that work with them are invited to find out more by getting in touch with Tracey Johnson at tracey.johnson@eastsussex.gov.uk or call 01424 726086 to register an interest.

Devonshire Park Review: next steps

Work has been progressing on the Devonshire Park Review and the Council is now in the next stages of working with the architects to agree a phased approach to implementing an exciting master-plan for the whole area, alongside further work on income generation and business planning.

Marks Barfield Architects, originators of the London Eye and i360, have been working with the Council and its partners at the Lawn Tennis Association, Arts Council England, East Sussex County Council, Theatres Trust, Chamber of Commerce and Eastbourne Hospitality Association, to explore opportunities and priorities for the buildings and activities on the site. This includes proposals to improve business tourism, community events and tennis facilities, catering, management and governance, income generation and links to the seafront.

The catalyst for this exciting project was the realisation that repairs to cladding at the front

of the Congress Theatre would cost the Council around half a million pounds, but add nothing to the visitor experience or business growth. The Congress has had scaffolding to its front façade since a piece of concrete broke away from the front elevation in 2010. The Council acted immediately to make the area safe and undertook a full and lengthy survey and investigation into the whole structure, which revealed that the damage was caused by erosion and exposure and the ingress of acids and water.

As this is a Grade II* listed building, much time has been spent working with English Heritage, the Theatres Trust and the Twentieth Century Society as well as concrete, glass and venue specialists, to ensure the Council's assessments and options included expert opinion and stakeholders' views.

Due to the high costs of simply repairing the windows, Council Members decided to do a business and design review of the whole of the

Devonshire Park area to assess the investment needed to improve the venues and visitor experience, ensuring the venues are fit for purpose and will serve the next generation.

The first stage of Marks Barfield's work was presented to Cabinet in December 2011 and includes recommendations for a better quality public realm, new frontage for the theatres, new entrance to the Park and top quality facilities for year-round community use, concerts, sports, events and conferencing needs.

From the four options presented, Cabinet decided to instruct the team to carry out further comparison work on Option 2 and Option 4, regarding capital costs and revenue opportunities. With a master-plan now in place, the Council is better placed to ensure investment in repairs to the front of the Congress, in the short-term, is in keeping with long-term opportunities and plans for the site overall.

Option 2



Option 4

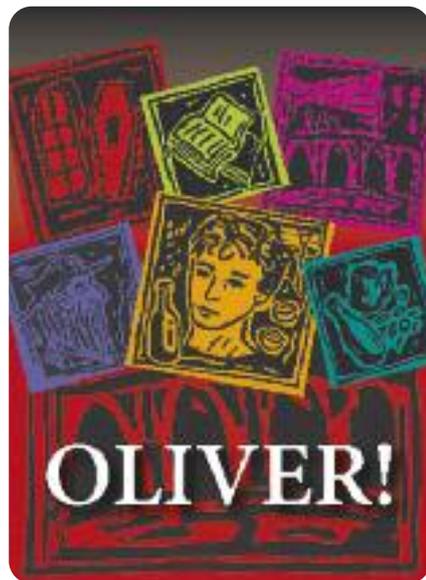


➤ Entrance to site [P] Proposed car park ■ Proposed tennis facilities ■ Proposed exhibition facilities ■ Existing conference/exhibition facilities ● Proposed lift ● Proposed ticket offices

The Rattonians and Eastbourne Theatres

Eastbourne not only has the reputation for some wonderful theatrical venues, it is also the home of some very talented amateurs. Mark and Melanie Adams formed The Rattonians in 1984 and the company has been a regular user of Eastbourne's theatres since then. From small beginnings the group has expanded with both a youth and senior company.

In 2011 The Rattonians appeared at the Congress Theatre on three occasions; first with their fabulous production of the Disney classic *Beauty and the Beast* at Easter, a two week run in the summer with Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*, and the group finished the year with a Christmas Spectacular with a cast of 100, stunning costumes and professional band under the direction of their Musical Director Carl Greenwood. Professional choreographer Jan Lynton has worked with the team for the last 20 years and Debbie Hackett, well known to Eastbourne audiences, runs and choreographs the Rattonian Youth Group.



The Rattonians' roots come from Ratton School, which has a fabulous reputation for music and drama, but the group has extended their appeal over the years and is very much open to the Eastbourne community. The Youth Group attracts young people from the age of 7 to 18 with the seniors starting at 16 and anyone is welcome to audition.

2012 promises some exciting theatre with the Youth Group taking to the stage at the Devonshire Park Theatre from 4 to 7 April with Lionel Bart's fabulous musical *Oliver!* – very fitting for Charles Dickens' bicentenary. They will then perform the spectacular *Singin' in the Rain* from 18 to 28 July at the Congress Theatre. With ticket prices starting at £12, the shows present very good value for money.

The Rattonians are very much a part of the Eastbourne community and performing in such superb theatres brings together two special elements of the town. **For more information go to www.rattonians.co.uk.**

Mayor of Eastbourne Cllr Carolyn Heaps and Peter Goldsmith



Titanic Memorial Concert

Eastbourne's iconic 1930s Bandstand is inviting visitors to commemorate 100 years since the sinking of the Titanic with a free special concert on Sunday 15 April.

A newly restored plaque commemorating the life of an Eastbourne bandsman who died whilst playing on board the Titanic will also be unveiled.

Visitors and residents can apply now for free tickets to the afternoon concert by the Champagne String Quartet, whose performance will include music that would have been played on board the ill-fated ship.

Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet Member for Tourism and Leisure Cllr Neil Stanley said "We are delighted to be hosting a special concert in memory of those who died on board the Titanic and celebrating the life of Eastbourne bandsman John Wesley Woodward who famously played while the ship sank in icy waters during its maiden voyage, which claimed the lives of 1,517 people on 15 April 1912. We hope that visitors and residents will join us to mark the 100th anniversary this spring."

John Wesley Woodward played his best cello in the ship's orchestra and had been a regular performer in Eastbourne playing at the town's Winter Garden and Grand Hotel with the Duke of Devonshire Band.

A plaque has been in position on Eastbourne seafront since 1914 in memory of Mr Woodward and after months of fundraising and generous donations from businesses and individuals, local resident Peter Goldsmith has raised enough money to restore the plaque, which will be unveiled on 15 April.

For more information and to apply for tickets to the concert go to www.eastbournebandstand.co.uk, or pop into the Tourist Information Centre, Cornfield Road.

Friends of the Towner

The Friends of the Towner are celebrating a new home in the heart of Eastbourne's cultural quarter this spring with a permanent base at the newly opened Birley Centre.

The group, which was set up to support Towner, have a thriving membership scheme and are looking to recruit new members during 2012 with plans for a busy events calendar embracing arts and culture across Eastbourne.

A programme of art lectures, music, and literary events will take place each month as part of the group's aspirations to grow the activities they offer, including afternoon lectures in Towner's Junction Box. The events diary will include an afternoon celebration of Eric Ravilious at the Birley Centre in

September, an artist who has strong connections to Eastbourne and Towner.

Performers during 2012 will include first class lecturers and international artists, as well as high calibre cultural names such as Sir John Tusa, Felicity Lott & Gabriel Woolf.

The group, who have been instrumental in helping Towner to buy new artworks by Ravilious and John Piper as well as purchase chairs for the Towner café and lecture room and supporting the educational outreach programme, will continue to support the gallery while embracing arts and cultural activities across the town. **For more information and membership information contact Elizabeth Muir-Lewis on 01323 507337.**

Summer Events Guide 2012

AEGON International: 16 – 23 June



The prestigious AEGON International returns to Devonshire Park this summer offering some of the world's top tennis players the opportunity to hone their skills ahead of the Wimbledon Championships. With the 2011 tournament featuring 13 of the world's top 20 female players, including Serena Williams and Petra Kvitova, you can be guaranteed an all-star playing field this year. On Saturday 16 June the LTA and lead partner AEGON are throwing the doors open to fans to watch the tennis for free, with seats on Centre Court and Court 1 being unreserved, offering a great opportunity to bring the whole family to watch some world class tennis – simply collect free tickets from the onsite box office on the day. **For more information and to book tickets visit www.aegoninternational.co.uk or call 0844 581 3015.****

Live Site: 27 July – 12 August



Join the excitement of the 2012 Games in Eastbourne with a big screen in Princes Park bringing highlights from each day of the Olympic Games, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Plus don't miss the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay in Eastbourne on Tuesday 17 July!
More info at www.visiteastbourne.com

April

On now – 29 April	East Sussex Open, Towner
3 – 7 April	All The Fun Of The Fair, Congress Theatre
4 – 7 April	Oliver! (Rattonians Youth Group), Devonshire Park Theatre
6 April	Easter Holiday workshop, Towner
7 April	Skate 4000, Eastern seafront
7 April	Streets of Eastbourne, Town Centre
7 – 8 April	Opening weekend, Eastbourne Redoubt
7 – 29 April	Eastbourne Festival, Various locations
8 April	Easter Concert, Eastbourne Bandstand
8 April	Eastbourne Bonfire Society's Easter Fair, Eastbourne Redoubt
10 – 14 April	Dreamboats and Petticoats, Congress Theatre
15 April	Titanic Memorial Concert, Eastbourne Bandstand
15 April	New Eyes Family Day, Towner
17 – 21 April	Our Country's Good, Devonshire Park Theatre
21 – 22 April	Great War Weekend, Eastbourne Redoubt
21 April – 17 June	Willie Doherty: Disturbance, Towner
22 April	Harbour Walk, Sovereign Harbour
22 April	London Philharmonic Orchestra, Congress Theatre
23 April	World Book Night, Eastbourne Redoubt
23 – 25 April	Tiddler and Other Terrific Tales, Devonshire Park Theatre
24 – 25 April	Comedy of Errors, Eastbourne Redoubt
26 – 28 April	Sense and Sensibility, Devonshire Park Theatre
28 April	Stage Fighting Workshop, Eastbourne Redoubt

May

1 – 5 May	Diary of Anne Frank, Devonshire Park Theatre
4 May – 28 Sept	Tribute Nights, Fridays at Eastbourne Bandstand
5 – 6 May	Magnificent Motors, Eastern seafront & Princes Park
5 – 7 May	Continental Market, Seafront promenade near Pier
8 – 12 May	Save The Last Dance For Me, Congress Theatre
12 May	Museums at Night: After Dark at the Redoubt, Eastbourne Redoubt
12 – 13 May	Eastbourne Sports Festival, Sports Park
19 May	Eastbourne Night to Remember, Seafront & Harbour
19 May	Museums at Night, Towner
19 – 20 May	Eastbourne Cycling Festival, Western Lawns & Seafront
22 – 26 May	EODS Guys and Dolls, Devonshire Park Theatre
26 May – 10 June	Diamond Jubilee Project, Towner
27 May	Jaguar South Downs Run, Western Lawns

June

2 June	Sunshine Carnival, Seafront
2 – 3 June	Italia in Piazza Italian Market, Middle promenade Pier to Bandstand

June (continued)

2 – 3 June	Blackout & Bunting, Eastbourne Redoubt
2 – 4 June	Eastbourne Fiesta & Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Seafront
2 – 10 June	Drop-in family activities and trails, Eastbourne Redoubt
3 June	Race for Life, Eastbourne Sports Park
3 June – 2 Sept	Sunday Night on the Proms, Sundays at Eastbourne Bandstand
4 – 9 June	Chicago, Congress Theatre
6 June – 26 Aug	1812 Firework Concerts, Wednesdays at Eastbourne Bandstand
9 June	Sportsbourne, Hampden Park
10 June	Motorcycles, Meanderers and Mayhem, Western Lawns
16 – 17 June	Museums on the Air, Eastbourne Redoubt
16 – 23 June	AEGON International Tennis Championships, Devonshire Park
17 June	Tennis Legends, Devonshire Park
23 – 24 June	Lark in the Park Funday, Seaside Recreation Ground
28 June – 30 Aug	Big Band Sounds, Thursdays at Eastbourne Bandstand
29 June – 1 July	Eastbourne Armed Forces Weekend, Eastbourne Redoubt

July

2 July – 20 Aug	Gilbert & Sullivan Nights, Mondays at Eastbourne Bandstand
6 – 8 July	Continental Market, Seafront promenade Pier to Bandstand
7 – 8 July	999 Emergency Services Display, Western Lawns
7 July – 25 Aug	Rock n Roll Tribute Nights, Saturdays at Eastbourne Bandstand
7 July – 23 Sept	Harold Mockford, Towner
7 July – 23 Sept	The Edge in Landscape, Towner
14 July	Skate Jam, Eastbourne Redoubt
14 – 15 July	Eastbourne Extreme, Eastern seafront
14 July – 12 Aug	Community Excavation, Rodmill Estate
17 July	2012 London Olympic Torch Relay, Eastbourne
18 – 28 July	Singin' In The Rain (Rattonians), Congress Theatre
23 – 27 July	AEGON Summer County Cup, Devonshire Park
24 July – 28 Aug	Kids Summertime Special, Tuesdays at Eastbourne Bandstand
25 July – 4 Aug	EODS present William Shakespeare's Macbeth, Italian Gardens
27 July – 12 Aug	2012 Olympic Community Live Site
28 – 29 July	Lammas Festival, Western Lawns

August

2 – 7 Aug	Moscow State Circus, Five Acre Field
6 – 11 Aug	Devonshire Park Open Tennis Tournament, Devonshire Park
9 – 12 Aug	Airbourne: Eastbourne International Airshow, Seafront & Western Lawns
17 – 29 Aug	Funfair, Princes Park
20 – 25 Aug	Grease, Congress Theatre
27 Aug	Family drop-in art & craft day, Eastbourne Redoubt

Airbourne: 20th year!



Photo by Graham Huntley

Recently voted the Best Free Airshow by AirsScene.co.uk, Airbourne: Eastbourne International Airshow returns from 9 – 12 August celebrating its 20th year! Watch out for special flying displays, arena action, evening concerts and a dazzling firework finale!

Museums at Night



Bob & Roberta Smith, The Apathy Band, Barbican, July 2011. Courtesy the artist.

Towner Contemporary Art Museum has recently topped a Connect10 poll with 55% of the votes to win artist Bob & Roberta Smith for a special Museums at Night event on 19 May, including the first ever Museums at Nightclub! Voters and visitors will have the chance to join the artist to Make Art Not War! for Museums at Night when the whole building will become one giant interactive creative space!

Go to www.townereastbourne.org.uk for more info.

This information is correct at the time of compilation, however details may be subject to change and Eastbourne Borough Council cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies. We advise checking events and dates with the Tourist Information Centre on 0871 663 0031* or the organisers of each event.

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

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Other networks and mobiles may vary.

Eastbourne joins VisitEngland campaign

Eastbourne is taking part in the biggest ever domestic marketing campaign launched in the UK, Holidays at home are GREAT, with a wide range of special offers showing visitors that 2012 is going to be a truly exciting year to be in the UK.

The Holidays at home are GREAT campaign launched this spring and included a £5m domestic TV campaign showcasing fantastic reasons to holiday and take more breaks in the UK during 2012. The TV campaign, led by national tourist board, VisitEngland, encouraged viewers to visit a new website www.great2012offers.com providing 20.12% off or better on accommodation, meals, attractions, entertainment and transport, including dozens of offers from VisitEastbourne.

**HOLIDAYS AT HOME
ARE
GREAT**
BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

Visitors and residents can find discounts for local attractions including 2 for 1's at Lloyd's Lanes, Knockhatch Adventure Park and Newhaven Fort, 3 for 2 on Seven Sisters Cycle Hire, and the chance to book a Llama Trek for just £20.12 at Ashdown Forest Llama Park, saving 30% off the normal price.



Attraction discounts are boosted by special offers from hotels, guesthouses and self-catering accommodation, including an Olympic themed offer from Eastbourne's Cambridge House. The 4-star guest accommodation is offering 20.12% off Olympic stays, including an award-winning Sussex breakfast, return train tickets from Eastbourne to London and a packed lunch!

To find out more go to www.visiteastbourne.com/great-2012-offers



Brand new for 2012 Eastbourne is inviting visitors to try a new experience and put together a tailor-made weekend on the south coast with the launch of Build Your Own Breaks on VisitEastbourne.com.

Visitors can choose from a range of cultural and sporting experiences including sailing, windsurfing and powerboating, as well as operatic workshops and watercolour painting courses at the iconic Coastguard Cottages at Seven Sisters.

With the Olympic Games set to bring new visitors into Britain as well as support displaced tourism around the UK in 2012, VisitEastbourne is using the occasion to encourage visitors to try something new and showcase the diverse range of activities available in the Sussex destination.

A wide range of tourism businesses based in and around Eastbourne will be working with

VisitEastbourne to offer discounted activities while local hotels and guesthouses will offer special rates for those who book the Build Your Own Breaks online.

Visitors can choose from activities such as sailing or windsurfing lessons with Spray Watersports, paragliding and paramotoring sessions by Airworks over the South Downs, and mixed media workshops with Catalyst Arts.

An operatic workshop weekend at the Birley Centre in July will offer visitors the chance to test their vocal chords, while the famous Coastguard Cottages provide a picture perfect landscape for inspiring watercolour painting courses.

The Build Your Own Breaks also include the opportunity for visitors to book entry to key Eastbourne attractions such as the Redoubt Fortress and Museum, Heritage Centre, or swimming at the Sovereign Centre.

For more information go to www.VisitEastbourne.com/adventure-cultural-holidays

Love Sussex

Eastbourne is leading an exciting new Sussex-wide campaign, teaming up with local authorities across the county to launch Love Sussex for summer 2012.



The Love Sussex campaign is intended to maximise the impact of Olympic related tourism for the county. By working together the aim is to raise the profile of Sussex as a destination to visitors to the Olympic Games, visitors in London during the Games period, visitors looking to escape London during the Olympics through displaced tourism, and to create a legacy for Sussex as a visitor destination after summer 2012.

The campaign will feature a mix of press advertising and a poster and leaflet campaign in the area surrounding the Olympic Park. The VisitEastbourne team will be developing a new mobile website for visitors to connect with Sussex on the go as well as a microsite, which will feature a Google translation bar for key foreign languages to engage global audiences visiting the London 2012 Games.

Posters and leaflets will use QR codes to link directly to the mobile website, allowing visitors with smartphones to access information on places to visit in Sussex, special offers and deals while they are travelling.

This is the first joint Sussex campaign of its kind and will use iconic locations within the county to raise awareness and highlight Sussex as a destination. For more information follow LoveSussexToo on Twitter and Facebook.



Left to right: Barry White, Ben Porter and Phil Lewin, directors of TI Eastbourne, celebrate the new deal to reopen Treasure Island with Cllr David Tutt, Leader of the Council.



New operators pledge to return Treasure Island to its former glory

Popular seafront attraction Treasure Island is set to reopen from 1 May after a new operator reached a deal with Eastbourne Borough Council to refurbish the venue.

TI Eastbourne Ltd is investing tens of thousands of pounds in Treasure Island to return the site to a family-focussed fun park and has reached a new agreement with the Council to manage the attraction.

The original pool and sand pit, crazy golf and pirate ship are being renovated and will be ready for the reopening in May. The amusement arcade is being removed from the indoor facility and replaced with a larger, completely refurbished play area and seated eating area, which will open in May alongside the popular adventure golf course.

Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council Cllr David Tutt said "Treasure Island has, for decades, been a hugely popular family attraction and so I am thrilled that it is being restored and reopened.

"Treasure Island is vitally important to the town's seafront and Eastbourne's wider tourism industry. It is therefore very encouraging that the new operators, TI Eastbourne Ltd, share our vision for the site as a family adventure park. This deal is one of several exciting plans for the town that will start to come to fruition in 2012, helping to maintain a sustainable local economy."

TI Eastbourne Ltd is managed by three directors, Phil Lewin, Ben Porter and Barry White, all with many years' experience in leisure projects in the UK and abroad.

Mr Lewin said "Many generations remember Treasure Island as a fantastic children's adventure fun park and we are committed to restoring this popular attraction to its former glory.

"We will be spending a substantial amount of money to reintroduce and refurbish the core elements of Treasure Island, and that in part means removing the arcade, and making it a standalone fun park. We are delighted to be working with Eastbourne Borough Council on our plans."

TI Eastbourne Ltd will also develop a new restaurant at Treasure Island, which is due to open later in 2012. The new operators plan to apply for a restaurant licence but are keen to stress to local residents they will not be applying for a full pub licence, which has been previously refused by the Council.

Treasure Island closed in February last year and was placed in the hands of administrators. As part of the new deal, all outstanding sums of money owed to the Council have been paid by the new company.

Treasure Island Opening Times & Prices

Peak: Weekends, School Holidays & Bank Holidays

Off Peak: Monday to Friday (except during School Holidays)

Buccaneers Indoor Adventure:
Open daily: 9.30am – 6.00pm

Peak:	Non-Members	Members
Adults & Under 1's:	£1	Free
Children (1-12):	£4.50	£3.50

Off Peak:	Non-Members	Members
Adults & Under 1's:	£1	Free
Children (1-12):	£3.50	£2.50

Treasure Island Adventure Park:
Open 9.30am – 6.00pm in summer months (weather dependant)

Adults & Under 1's:	£1	Free
Children (1-12):	£3.50	£2.50

Indoor & Outdoor Combo Ticket:

Adults & Under 1's:	£1	Free
Children (1-12)	£6	£5

Pirates Adventure Golf (18-Holes)
Open daily: 9.30am – 6.00pm (Open until 10pm in Sumer Holidays)

Adults (& over 16's):	£4	£3
Children (under 16's):	£3	£2

Annual Treasure Island Membership: £25

- 2 Named Adults
- Any children accompanying either named adult charged at member prices (£1 off all entrance fees)
- Named Adults and Under 1's: Free
- Free entry for up to 2 adults and up to 3 children on the day you join
- Receive £10 Voucher towards a Birthday Party at Treasure Island

Devolved budgets help local projects



New church hall for St Andrew's rising from the ashes

A church hall almost completely destroyed by fire is being rebuilt thanks to funds from the Council's devolved budget scheme.

St Andrew's Church Hall in Seaside was badly damaged in a fire last May leaving several local community groups including the Brownies, St Andrew's Flower Club and the Rising Stars Pre-School, without a home for their teaching and social activities.

Following the blaze, a fundraising campaign was launched to rebuild the hall. Local Vicar, Father David King, contacted councillors in the St Anthony's Ward and Devonshire Ward to request funds from the devolved budget scheme.

Father King was thrilled when the ward councillors secured a total of £3,000 for the project, which helped to purchase vital building materials.

Leader of the Council Cllr David Tutt said "With last year's loss of such an important neighbourhood centre, councillors from both wards were delighted to help with funding towards this fantastic new building."

Councillors branch out in Sovereign Ward

New trees have been planted around Queens Estate after a request was made by the local residents' association.

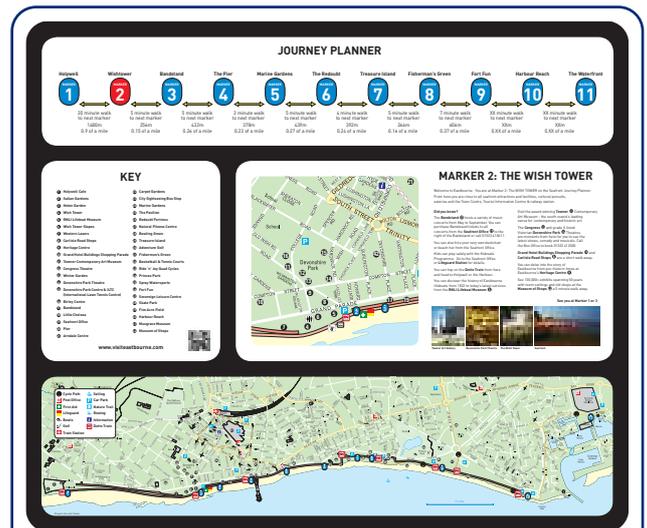
A number of trees, which used to flank the roads in the estate, have been removed over recent years due to disease, root damage and over maturity. This led to an inconsistent tree line, especially in Queens Road and Queens Crescent.

Devolved ward budget funding totalling £750 was spent on three Swedish Whitebeam trees. This particular type of tree was selected by the Council's arboricultural team due to its natural resistance to drought conditions, which is vital in Eastbourne due to low levels of rainfall during the summer months.

Sovereign ward councillor Cllr Gordon Jenkins said "We have recently lost several trees in the area. The ward councillors were very happy to agree to the request from the Queens Estate Residents' Association to fund the replacement of some of the trees from the devolved ward budget."

Residents who would like to suggest a project in their area, which could benefit from support, should contact their ward councillor.

Go to www.eastbourne.gov.uk/councillors to find your ward councillor.



New Signage for Eastbourne Seafront

Brand new pedestrian signage is being installed on Eastbourne seafront this spring offering way finding, distance markers and tourist information to encourage residents and visitors to plan their journey along the promenade.

The exciting new scheme will see 11 signs placed at key points between Holywell and Sovereign Harbour Marina highlighting major attractions and landmarks and key facts and nearby locations. The new signage will also highlight Eastbourne's heritage and film connections and act as a useful information point for visitors and residents.

The signage scheme will be placed along the lower promenade and offers walkers the chance to plan a journey along the seafront with guideline times and distances.

Made from greenheart oak with wrought iron detailing, the signs are designed to be in keeping with Eastbourne's Victorian seafront while the detail on each sign encourages walkers to use QR code technology to access more information online via their smartphones.



Splash into summer at Princes Park

Princes Park is looking forward to a new addition to its play facilities in 2012 with an exciting £120k water play feature being installed in time for summer.

The paddling pool area will be transformed into an exciting splash pad with water jets, fountains and showers for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy. There will also be a small area of standing water for splashing in. The entire area will be resurfaced to provide a safer environment for children to play in, as part of a major overhaul of the old and dated concrete paddling pool in the play area next to Channel View Road.

The splash pad has been part funded through a grant from East Sussex County Council with Eastbourne Borough Council continuing to work closely with the Friends of Princes Park to update the play area.



An artist's impression of the Splash Pad

Following a tender process, nearly 350 school children from Bourne, St Andrew's and Roselands Schools were invited to choose their favourite out of the two strongest designs with the winning concept receiving almost 75% of the votes. Work will be starting soon on site with the splash pad completed and ready to be used this summer season.

This latest improvement for Princes Park follows a steady growth in its popularity over recent

years with the Council working in partnership with the Friends of Princes Park. Recent improvements include the replacement of the entrance arch, planting of a new sensory garden, upgraded play areas, use of the park for successful events such as Magnificent Motors, planting of more trees for shelter and shade, and a coveted Green Flag Award in 2011. Further aspirations and plans for this important seafront park are being worked on so that it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

Lottery Funds to Activate Eastbourne

The Eastbourne and District Chamber of Commerce Ltd has received £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme.

The grant will be used to build and promote a local website with two directories of support, one for job seekers and the other for businesses.

Residents of Eastbourne will have access to a full listing of all the support available to help them find and increase their chances of employment. The website will also include a calendar of free and subsidised local training, events and jobs fairs.

The employers' directory will advise businesses on what support and schemes are available to help them to train and develop their existing workforce, engage in work related learning activities and recruit volunteers and unemployed people.

Residents and businesses will be able to keep up to date on the latest opportunities not only on the website but also via Twitter and Facebook. The website will be launched in spring 2012.



From left to right: Councillor Margaret Bannister, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Chair of Activating Eastbourne; Mark McFadden, Stiles Harold Williams and on Board of Directors for Eastbourne & District Chamber of Commerce Ltd; and Kerry Band, Economic Development, Eastbourne Borough Council

The Eastbourne and District Chamber of Commerce Ltd is a key member of the Activating Eastbourne partnership who collectively work together to improve the access for job seekers and employers to services; helps to reduce unemployment; and enhances partnership working between providers.

Christina Ewbank, President of The Eastbourne and District Chamber of Commerce Ltd said "The Big Lottery Fund grant is great news for the town. During these difficult economic times, support services are needed more than ever but

local residents and businesses do not necessarily know what is out there for them. The award means that we can bring together the support available for job seekers and businesses in one local place, which will be maintained by the support services themselves.

"The funding will also enable a pilot employer brokerage service to be launched to help businesses navigate the directory and access support they need and to help the local workforce."

The Chair of Activating Eastbourne, Councillor Margaret Bannister added "I am delighted the Big Lottery Fund is supporting this vital project, which will do so much to help the local community and economy. I also thank The Eastbourne and District Chamber of Commerce Ltd for leading the bid. With unemployment rising, the project will help to ensure everyone has an opportunity to make steps back into employment."

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