What is wrong with this scene?

This is a very special centenary year and very sad and poignant for many of us. There are few people alive now who can recall the start of the First World War. But, it left its mark on families for generations; as did World War Two and more recent conflicts.

The War Memorial on Bexhill seafront was carefully placed at the bottom of Sea Rd at the intersection with the Marina. It should have pride of place. The inscription states it is a monument to those who died in our armed forces in World War Two. Where it was carefully placed, it should be visible from all directions. It should be un-obscured; a striking focal point. There should have been no need to say to the Highways Authority ‘this space is sacrosanct; plant your sign somewhere else’.

Imagine what the reaction to such a sign would be in Whitehall within feet of the Cenotaph itself? Especially one that is so pointless as a sign in front of the sea saying that it is the ‘seafront’ and you can park on the road (as usual). Drivers can see both of those things for themselves.

This is an open invitation to East Sussex Highways Authority to do the respectful thing and clear your signage away from the immediate vicinity of the Memorial. We shouldn’t need to have a campaign or write letters or collect signatures as if there is some sort of argument in favour of having a sign in front of the Memorial saying that this is the seafront. We can all behave with more respect and dignity than that. To the current elected members, we know you probably didn’t do it, but please put this right.

Hillary Randall. The Editor
Dear Editor, I thought the Bexhill and Battle News would be non political – obviously not!

Hilary Randall is not very well informed as to the workings of RDC. What she neglects to mention is that the makeup is heavily weighted with Conservative Councillors – Bexhill or not. This should not be a problem, however, unfortunately because Cabinet, and Scrutiny committees are whipped into decisions before they even get to the meetings, it is hardly democratic. I was a Conservative Cabinet member for a long time, so I do know what I am talking about. (One sentence has to be omitted.)

Hillary perhaps, should become a Conservative Councillor and will then find out exactly what really goes on in RDC. Until then I suggest she keeps quiet or at least talk to other parties and get the wider picture. Yours sincerely, Cllr Deirdre Williams.

Editorial is on page 18. Letters please to hillary.randall@tesco.net

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Better Brighter Bexhill

Fridays from 10 – 2 is Internet Drop In day. If you can help someone else to use their laptop, pc, tablet or anything else more easily then why not pop in on Friday mornings and offer to help.

If you need a hand to understand your IT better and get more use out of it, drop in on a Friday morning and see if anyone can shed some light.

We can’t guarantee to have the answer for you, but we might be able to help you to find it yourself or point you to someone who can help. The address is 31 Station Road, Bexhill. 01424 210 325
Bexhill and Hastings Humanists

AGM on 13th November at 7pm at the White Rock in Hastings.
Bexhill’s Classic Cycle Group

The Classic Cycle Group was launched in 2009 by Ray Konyn as a historical cycling activity group of classic; retro; veteran and vintage cycle owners interested in uncompetitive, gentle, slow-paced, responsible cycling in the spirit of nostalgic bygone Bexhill, associated with The Bexhill Museum and Bexhill Wheelers. Participants are encouraged to wear suitable attire to match the period of their bicycle, but this is not obligatory.

The group quickly attracted numerous local enthusiasts, keen to seek out suitable vintage attire from local charity shops, dust down, ride and display their machines combined with social cafe outings. Tweed quickly became their trade mark for their famous ‘Tweed & Tea’ rides, welcomed by local cafes that enjoy the occasional invasion of curiously clad cyclists.

Now a familiar sight trundling slowly along the Bexhill cycle routes, The Classic Cycle Group are particularly happy to support local events, and more invitations to attend come along than they can possibly fit into their diary, so only the best local well organised events tend to take priority for acceptances.

Ray commented “the best thing about the rides is being at the back of the convoy of bicycles and watching the smiles and ecstatic enjoyment on the faces of passers-by; children gawping in wonderment at a 130 year-old Penny Farthing gliding gently past or the knowing, nostalgic whimsical joy of a reminiscing spectator as a chopper or sit-up-and-beg bicycle proudly creaks past and slides into the distance with a tinkle of its bell. “Outrageous” was the comment of one recent astonished visitor to Bexhill as she smiled, pointed and giggled at the spectacle”.

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The Classic Cycle Group are supporters of The Slow Bicycle Movement; gentle exercise; fun; eccentricity; The Toasted Teacake Appreciation Society; social tea stops (with adequate parking for bicycles) and all things tweed & vintage and welcome anyone with a pre-1980 bicycle who would like to join in.

Members are encouraged to dream up a suitable humorous alias name for themselves. “Meet the group” examples can be found at [http://www.classiccyclegroup.co.uk/html/body_meet_the_group____.htm](http://www.classiccyclegroup.co.uk/html/body_meet_the_group____.htm) such as Lord Long-Socks; Lady Many-Hats; Madame Triumph; Duchess Dolly; Lord Loaf-Baker of Horam etc.

Photos and videos of previous event participation can be found at [https://plus.google.com/photos/106686485997114393222/albums?baner=pwa](https://plus.google.com/photos/106686485997114393222/albums?baner=pwa)

They also have a strong Facebook following which has an events calendar.

Ray Konyn (Events co-ordinator) Tel: 07711 241891
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheClassicCycleGroup/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheClassicCycleGroup/)
Website: [www.classiccyclegroup.co.uk](http://www.classiccyclegroup.co.uk) Email: info@classiccyclegroup.co.uk

**Free Parking days in Rother District Council car parks**

There will be free parking in Rother’s car parks in Battle, Bexhill and Rye on the three Saturdays in December before Christmas.
What’s happening in your ward?

Cllr Paul Lendon (St. Stephens)
At the moment I am very much looking forward to the 10th birthday of the Health Walk. I consider this one of my biggest achievements. This also provides an opportunity to listen to my constituents in a Healthy way. Another success is our St Stephen's Panel meetings in which we can discuss matters concerning the ward. Current concerns are the effect of the new link road. Speeding motorists. Next meeting 2nd December 7pm St Stephens Church Hall. They also hold coffee morning every Tuesday Morning which I try to attend when time allows. A future Project, which will be interesting, is the Build of the New proposed Leisure Complex.
I look forward to continuing to serve my ward and receiving information from the Bexhill & Battle News. Best Wishes to all. Cllr Paul Lendon

Cllr. Simon Elford. (St. Michaels)
This month our big planning issue is still on going but on a Bexhill town issue there is a very interesting Bexhill Town Forum coming up in November debating the issue of governance in Bexhill and debating the 3 main options:
Town Council
Area Committees
Parishing.
This should be an interesting debate.
If any one wants to contact me I am on twitter @selfords

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Please submit items for inclusion in the December issue to hillary.randall@tesco.net by 22nd November.
What’s happening in your ward?

Cllr. Maurice Watson (Sidley)
Sidley is open for Business and the local traders are ready to serve you. The councillors are there to help through this difficult time with all the construction which is happening in Sidley. There are better times ahead for Sidley. If anyone needs to contact Cllr Maurice Watson phone 01424 210563, Email; cllr.maurice.watson@rother.gov.uk. He may be able to help.
Regards Cllr Maurice Watson

All Bexhill and Battle local councillors were invited to contribute.

It's GO GO GO with a HO HO HO for Santa Dash 2014

Last year the terrace at the De La Warr Pavilion was buzzing with excitement and anticipation as people collected their suits. Santa's sleigh with flashing lights and festive music, helped put people in festive mood. Over 150 participants of all ages donned Santa suits including fluffy white beards and some children even wore reindeer antlers. Prams were decorated and dogs wore tinsel.

It's on again this year on Saturday 6 December. It's open to all ages and abilities and you can run, jog, jingle, push prams, walk or use a wheelchair on the flat, user-friendly routes along the promenade. You can do 5km (3.1miles) or 2km (1.2miles), both starting near the fountains before returning to the dlwp.

The nominal entry includes a free Santa suit for adults and children over 5 years of age. Participants will also receive a medal. We would love you to decorate your pram, wheelchair and even the dog!

So come along with family, friends, school mates, work colleagues and club members. You can raise money for your own chosen cause by getting sponsorship. For details of how to enter go to www.bexhill-triathlon.co.uk/santadash.html

Comments from last year:
"I've been in them before but it's great that Bexhill now has its own event"
A mum with her daughter said "We are doing it for fun and to support the Lions"
"great fun, make sure you do it again"  "I'm raising £48 for my charity"
"fantastic ,such fun"

To advertise in the December issue please contact hillary.randall@tesco.net
The Friends of St Peter & St Paul Primary School
Present

Fireworks Night
Child £3
Adult £4
Family (2+2) £12

Hotdogs
Burgers
Glowing toys

Friday 7th November
Gates Open 5:45pm
Fireworks 7pm
Buckhurst Road

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News from Westminster by Greg Barker MP

I’m delighted to have been invited to comment on local issues in the excellent new Bexhill and Battle News.

Last week saw the largest annual fall in unemployment since the 1970’s. The figures, published by the Office for National Statistics, show that the unemployment rate has fallen to just 6%. This means that for the first time since 2008, there are less than 2 million unemployed. Even more encouraging figures also show the largest annual fall in youth unemployment since records began. There are also now record numbers of women in work.

Here in our constituency of Bexhill and Battle unemployment has fallen to just 1.7% of the economically active population. The number of young people aged between 18-24 claiming JSA has fallen by 34% since this time last year and this is really welcome news.

However, whilst the increase in local employment is very welcome we still need to do more to help businesses grow and to invest in our workforce of tomorrow.

Locally, the government’s Enterprise Allowance Scheme has helped to start up over 2000 businesses in Surrey and Sussex through the Lets Do Business Group. Bexhill and Battle is a diverse, thriving and creative business sector of small and medium-sized enterprises. People look for their own opportunities to create businesses and it is essential that they are given the support and finance to help them get started and grow. Nationally, more than 20,000 entrepreneurs have been supported through Start-Up Loans and advice to give them the initial boost to get their ideas off the ground.

Businesses need a skilled and enthusiastic workforce and it’s important that our local schools provide a good standard of education and careers advice. I have recently visited Bexhill High to meet the new Headteacher, Heidi Brown, who is determined to raise the results and aspirations of local pupils and I am sure she will have the full support of local families.

We are fortunate to have excellent sixth forms and colleges for our local young people that offer academic and vocational education post 16. I was pleased to see that this year Bexhill College once again achieved outstanding results again with 98% pass rate at A level.

Quality apprenticeships continue to provide many opportunities for school-leavers to develop real work-based skills. Thanks to the Coalition, the number of apprenticeships in Bexhill and Battle has increased by over 80% since the last Government and now the Prime Minister has announced a commitment to a further £1 billion investment to deliver 3 million apprenticeships by 2020. This is key to delivering more skills to help the UK compete with the rest of the world. The Governments long term economic plan is clearly working and delivering for people in Bexhill and Battle. However, there is much to do to secure and build on the recovery, but we can now face the future together with real optimism. Gregory Barker MP
Bexhill Community Bus

The volunteer-run Community Bus has been running since 1980, providing regular timetabled transport to those parts of the town that are not served by other bus operators. The Bus is well used by many Bexhill residents who rely on it to get into Town for shopping, appointments, social activities etc. The extent of usage can be illustrated by the passenger journeys, which number between 800 – 1000 every week.

Keith Harwood, one of the Bus Directors, has reported that the Community Bus is looking for new volunteer drivers. Although the current level of driver numbers is adequate, Keith says that their average age is creeping up and that new volunteer drivers are not coming forward to the same extent that they did in the past. Although the Bus service is not currently at risk, the situation could change if they do not get sufficient new drivers to replace the current ones when they retire or discontinue for other reasons.

Driving the Bus is a very different way of giving something back to the Community. It is great fun, extremely satisfying and greatly appreciated by all the Bus passengers. Drivers work a half-day shift of about 4½ hours and do not have to commit themselves to a regular day or minimum number of shifts. Full training is given. To find out more, visit the Bus website at www.bexhillcommunitybus.co.uk and contact the Bus office on 01424-222820 or by e-mail at info@bexhillcommunitybus.co.uk. They will be very pleased to hear from you.
Want to help launch this year's Poppy Appeal?

With 2014 marking the 100th anniversary since the outbreak of the First World War, The Royal British Legion is asking people to not just mark the memory of the fallen, but to focus also on the future of the living.

That is why in this most poignant of years we are asking YOU, the Great British Public, the descendants of those that have given so much, to give something back. On Thursday 23 October, we started a sunrise to sunset watch at the Cenotaph in central London (7.38am to 5.51pm). This Watch will mark the start of the annual Poppy Appeal, The Royal British Legion’s most important fundraising campaign.

And we're looking for volunteers who will help us keep watch. Each shift will last one hour and you will only be needed for one shift (unless you would like to do more!).

So if you’re interested in remembering a loved one, celebrating a family member who is serving or has served or just want to show your respect and support to our brave Armed Forces community for this year's Poppy Appeal, then tell us in 100 words or less why you would like to be a part of the Watch. For details please visit: http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/news/poppy-appeal/want-to-help-launch-this-years-poppy-appeal

The Bexhill RBL Comrades club is at 4 – 6 London Road, Bexhill, TN39 3JU. 01424 734395 http://www.bexhillroyalbritishlegionclub.co.uk/

Donate a Tree

If you would like to donate a tree, perhaps in someone’s memory, now is the right time of year to do it. http://www.rother.gov.uk/memorials  Planting season is from November to February.
Here he is; our local second hand book seller from Bestsellers boldly going somewhere with Mr Spock.

Spock, "Random chance seems to have operated in our favour"

McCoy, "In plain, non-Vulcan English, we've been lucky"

Spock, "I believe I said that, Doctor"

Why not pop in and ask Mike where that quote comes from? He will know!

To tell us what he says email:

hillary.randall@tesco.net

Christmas Festivities in Battle

Saturday 29th November the traditional Christmas lights are switched on in Battle. Santa will parade down the High Street. From 2.15 pm until 4.45 pm Santa will greet children in the Memorial Hall (tickets on sale from the Memorial Hall). There will also be children's rides outside on the Abbey Green. At dusk, at approximately 5pm, he will emerge onto the Abbey and switch on the traditional lights.

The popular Charity market will take place in the Wynne Room. There will be stalls for a number of charities, including Amnesty, Victim Support and Action Research, so come along and see what they have to offer and Saxonwood WI will provide refreshments in the Shepherd Room.

The Christmas Tree festival is at St Mary's Church with trees beautifully decorated by local schools, churches and community groups.

Thursday 13th December is the annual Gala night, when traders dress up and offer drinks and nibbles to their customers and stay open 'til 9pm.

For more up to date information go to
http://www.battlechamber.org.uk/directory/20282/christmas-festival/

9th Bexhill Scouts Jumble sale – 29th November

at Wainwright Road Scout Hut TN39 3UR, 12 noon, entrance 50p.
Jumble is wanted; for collection ring 213225.
FAMILY SANTA DASH

Come and run, jog, walk, push a pushchair, walk the dog. But most of all have fun and get sponsorship for your own charity or cause.

De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Choose a distance ...either 2k or 5k

Entry £11 Adult (14yrs +), £6 Child (5-14yrs)
Includes a free Santa outfit for you to run in.
Registration 10.30am  Race Start 11.30am

To register visit www.bexhill-lions.org

All profits go to Bexhill-on-Sea Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund for local causes (Charity Reg. No 1065756).
Hallmark School of Motoring. Advice for Driving in Fog.

Fog is perhaps the worst driving condition there is. If the road is covered in ice, snow, or you are driving on a clear night on a dark road, at least you can see where you are going. When it is foggy that the situation changes. So, here are some helpful hints that might just make driving in fog a whole lot easier.

**Lights to Use When Driving in Fog** - In fog (and situations of seriously reduced visibility) display lights; the minimum should be dipped headlights every time. The whole point of switching on lights during daylight fog is so that you and your car can be seen, and not for you to see any better where you are going.

Next time you are out in daytime fog, notice the driver who is driving on side-lights. You see their car before you see their lights, and that will be at close range too. Too close for comfort, that’s for sure, just think what it would be like if they were driving at speed, they may as well have not bothered with lights at all!

**Driving Tips for using Lights** - At night you would naturally drive on a minimum of dipped headlights, but on a foggy night, notice what happens when the driver switches the headlights onto high/main-beam? Terrible isn’t it, as you can’t see a thing! The water droplets in the fog reflect the light back at you, causing dazzle. However, this doesn’t happen in daylight!

To really be seen in daylight fog, flick between your full-beam and dipped-beam headlights, just as you would on a clear night; complying with the same rules concerning dazzle to other drivers. By this advanced driving method your car will be seen from a greater distance, compared to driving on ordinary dipped headlights. You will you be safer and others will be too, as they will see you very much earlier.

Something you need to be wary of. If you are using your rear fog light, on many cars when you switch to high-beam headlights, the fog light on the back of your car will go out, and then come back on again as you dip your headlights. Not a problem for you, but this will be for a driver following. So make sure you use your mirrors if adopting this method for the sake of any one behind you. Remember it is your rear end they will use to stop if confused by your lights.

Be warned, if your own car has “day running lights”, though this gives a strong bright light at the front there is often none at the rear so in fog switch on the headlights.

Rear fog lights - Day or night, when driving with a vehicle behind you, you don’t need to have them switched on, as that driver will already know you are there. If you can see an unlit part of the vehicle following when looking in your mirror, that driver can already see your ordinary tail lights. Also if your rear fog light is switched on, the glare can mask your brake lights, making you more likely to be hit from behind. This is so easy to forget so make sure they are switched off if not needed.
Hallmark School of Motoring. Advice for Driving in Fog.

Always –

1. Make sure that all windows are spotlessly clean and smudge-free. As the interior of a car is made up largely of oil-based plastics, when subjected to the heat of strong sunlight, the plastic surfaces give off an oily vapour, which then coats the inside of the car windows. This creates a foggy haze on the glass, which impairs visibility, especially at night or in bad weather but can also flare up in strong sunlight.

2. NEVER wipe mist off the inside of windows with your hands. The natural oils on your skin cause smearing and frustrate the ability to see clearly at night or in bad weather. Use a clean, damp chamois leather or special window cleaning cloth instead. To stop the inside of the windscreen misting, direct your heater control to the screen vents and open your driver’s door window just a crack to allow for greater air flow.

3. If you are driving in freezing fog, do not use your screen washers before the engine compartment has really warmed up, as the fluid may freeze on the screen and obscure your vision. If you need to clean the windscreen, find somewhere to pull over safely and use a clean glass cleaning cloth.

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4. Do not follow the tail-lights of the car in front as you may be closer than you think for the speed you are travelling at. Increase your safety margin as much as you can.

5. In fog you can easily suffer sensory deprivation; the silence and loss of speed awareness can be dangerous. So, check your speed regularly; you may be going faster than you thought, and open the window about a centimetre (half an inch) it will give many benefits including fresh air.

6. Make sure, before you start out, you tell someone where you are going and your expected time of arrival. Sound soft? I’ve done it for years so why can’t you?

7. Make sure your phone is charged. **Never** use your phone hand held when driving. Find a safe place to stop first, preferably off the main road to prevent being hit.

8. If making a long journey plan your route in advance, make sure you have warm clothing and a flask with a hot drink; maybe even a snack in case you are delayed due to an incident or get lost. Be careful if using a satnav - you are not looking at the road.

9. If you take regular medication carry an emergency pack in the glove box.

10. Make sure your torch has a good battery, or is fully charged.

11. Finally, on a foggy day, do you really need to make this journey, could you wait a while until the fog clears?

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**Local Townswomen**
gathered at the dlwp on Fri 10th of Oct to take part in the record breaking attempt to set a record for attendance at a health walk.

The walk was well attended and it was certainly a record for attendance at Bexhill!
Editorial

Thank you to Cllr Deirdre Williams for her reply (page 2) to last month’s Editorial. Her comments are appreciated.

The Editorial was a response to comments made in an article in the Bexhillian in September which asserted that Bexhill is under-represented in Rother because only 2 members of the Cabinet are Bexhill councillors. That was why it was necessary (and not being ‘political’) to make the point that Bexhill is represented in several ways on the council’s committees and groups.

Cllr. Williams says that on committees “the makeup is heavily weighted with Conservative Councillors – Bexhill or not”. It is the law that the membership of the committees represents the political balance the electorate voted for, if this were not the case then all their decisions would be subject to challenge in the courts. This is required by s.15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, which can be viewed here:

It doesn’t just apply to Rother, it applies to all our local authorities. So, if the electorate return the majority of councillors from one party, this will be reflected in the make up of the committees.

Cllr. Williams said that I am not familiar with the workings of RDC, but they are very similar to the workings of all other local authorities because they’re all bound by the same rules. And, being in the same situation as others, members everywhere tend to react in predictable ways. As for ‘whipping’; isn’t this what all political parties do?

Cllr Williams says “Hillary perhaps, should become a Conservative Councillor and will then find out exactly what really goes on in RDC. Until then I suggest she keeps quiet or at least talk to other parties and get the wider picture."

For the record, I have spoken to several independent councillors about governance, I haven’t spoken to Labour or to Conservative councillors about governance. The only reason I have spoken to independent members about this is because they rarely want to speak to me about anything else. In my role as Chair of Bexhill Town Team I want to talk to councillors about the public toilets, pedestrian signage, car parking, bicycle racks, rubbish bins, tourism, street lighting and other matters relevant to the prosperity of Bexhill Town Centre and those who live and work in it.

Hillary Randall, Editor

Townswomen’s Guild Autumn Fair

The Autumn Fair is at St Martha's in Little Common from 9.30 to 12.30 ish on Sat 15 November. Refreshments available. Varied stalls and tombola etc. Cakes, savoury items, craft goods, cheese and a hamper raffle.
Clubs and societies

**2262 (Bexhill-On-Sea) Squadron Air Cadets (ATC)** [www.aircadets.org](http://www.aircadets.org)

1st Battle Scouts [www.senlascouls.org.uk](http://www.senlascouls.org.uk) St.Marys Church Hall Upper Lake, Battle, TN33 QAN

2nd Bexhill Scout Group 01424 734 648 1b Buckhurst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1QF

3rd Battle Brownies 01424 773720

9th Bexhill Scout Group [pjplim@hotmail.com](mailto:pjplim@hotmail.com) Subject line 9th Bexhill Scouts

Abbey Green Ladies Grp meet 2nd Thur of mth in Wynne Room. 2pm.

Albatross Club [info@bexhillrafa.co.uk](mailto:info@bexhillrafa.co.uk) 15 Marine Arcade Bexhill-on-sea TN40 1JS

Battle & District Art Group - 3rd Sat of mth Battle Memorial Hall (BMH)

Battle & District Chamber of Commerce [www.battlechamber.org.uk](http://www.battlechamber.org.uk)

32 Mount Street, Battle, TN33 0EG


Battle & District Horticultural Soc 3rd Thurs of mth Wynne Rm BMH 19.30 – 21.30

Battle & District PROBUS Club Battle Barn Farm, Sedlescombe, Battle, TN33 0RL 01424 870402

Bexhill Amateur Theatrical Society [www.the-bats.co.uk](http://www.the-bats.co.uk)

Battle Art & Craft Group - Free. [pm-bexhillrc@btconnect.com](mailto:pm-bexhillrc@btconnect.com) meets BMH

Battle Bowls Club, Lower Lake, Battle, TN33 0AT

Battle bonfire [www.battlebonfire.co.uk](http://www.battlebonfire.co.uk)

Battle Camera Club [www.battlecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.battlecameraclub.co.uk)

Battle Choral Society [www.battlechoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.battlechoralsociety.co.uk) meets BMH

Battle Floral & Horticultural Society meets 3rd Wed of mth 19.30 - 21.00 BMH

Battle Light Opera Group [www.battlelightoperagroup.com](http://www.battlelightoperagroup.com) meets BMH

Battle Lions Club [www.battlelionsclub.org.uk](http://www.battlelionsclub.org.uk) Tel No is 0845 8335 826

Battle Memorial Hall Community Cinema. Last Wed of mth 19.30 Doors 19.00
email: battlememorialhall@talktalkbusiness.net

Battle Ramblers [www.battleramblers.org](http://www.battleramblers.org)

Battle Tennis Club The Recreation Ground, North Trade Rd, Battle, TN33 0HW 01424 830368


Bexhill Light Opera & Drama Soc. BLODS Hall. Manor Gardens, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 2JA

Bexhill Amateur Boxing Club, Rear of Homewarr House. De La Warr Parade, Galley Hill, Bexhill, TN40 1RT 01424 220350

Bexhill Art Society [www.bexhillartsociety.co.uk](http://www.bexhillartsociety.co.uk) St Augustines Church Hall, St Augustine's Close, Cooden Drive, Bexhill on Sea, TN39 3AZ

Bexhill Bowling Club [http://www.bexhillbowlingclub.org.uk](http://www.bexhillbowlingclub.org.uk)

Bexhill Bridge Club [info@bridgewebs.com](mailto:info@bridgewebs.com)

Bexhill Choral Society. Performances of choral music. Meetings on Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm at St Martha’s RC Church Hall. New singers are welcome.

Bexhill Caring Community Sackville Rd

Bexhill Community Bus Ltd. Old Bank Buildings Buckhurst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1QF [http://www.bexhillcommunitybus.co.uk](http://www.bexhillcommunitybus.co.uk) 01424 222820
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**Bexhill Cricket Club** Polegrove Sports Ground 01424 210224  
info@bexhillcricketclub.co.uk

**Bexhill Dial-a-Ride** c/o Bexhill Caring Community 25 Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3JD  
www.bexhillcaringcommunity.co.uk

**Bexhill Down Townswomen’s Guild** St Augustine's Church Hall, Cooden Drive, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3AZ 2nd Wed at 2 pm  
01424 734 648

**Bexhill Environmental Group**  
www.bexhillenvironmentalgroup.org.uk

**Bexhill Floral Group**  
www.nafas.org.uk/flower_club/Bexhill+Floral+Group.html

**Bexhill Gateway Club.** Bexhill Youth & Community Centre 10 Station Road, Bexhill, TN40 1RE. 01424 215455

**Bexhill Hanovarian Study Group** info@bexhillhanoveriankgl.co.uk

**Bexhill Harmony** Ladies Acappella Choir  
www.bexhillharmony.co.uk

**Bexhill Homecall** 9 Hever Crescent, Bexhill, TN39 4HQ  
www.homecall.uk.com  
01424 214458

**Bexhill High Table Tennis Academy**  
www.bexhillhighcta.com

**Bexhill International Folk Dance Group**  
www.interfolk.co.uk/bexifdg/

**Bexhill Judo Club** Little Common Rd, TN39 4HU  
Jasonmeek@bexhilljudo.org.uk

**Bexhill Lions Club** bexhillcommunity@outlook.com

**Bexhill Model Railway Club**  
www.bexhillmrc.org.uk/

**Bexhill-on-Sea District Veterans Association** Chairman. Chris Gadsden 85 Buxton Drive, Bexhill-On-Sea, TN39 4AU 01424 734-204

**Bexhill-on-Sea Lions Club** 48 St Leonards Road TN40 1JB  
www.bexhill-lions.org

**Bexhill Philatelic Society** Parkhurst Hall Parkhurst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1DE  
www.bexhillphilately.org.uk

**Bexhill Photographic Club** bexhillphotoclub.org.uk

**Bexhill RAFA** Albatross Club 15 Marina Arcade, Bexhill-on-sea, TN40 1JS 01424 212916 club; 01424 220114 office

**Bexhill Rowing Club.** Channel View East  
bexhillrowingclub@hotmail.co.uk

**Bexhill Runners and Triathletes**  
www.bexhillrunnerstriathletes.co.uk

**Bexhill RBL Club**  
www.bexhillroyalbritishlegionclub.co.uk 4-6 London Road, Bexhill on sea, TN39 3JU

**Bexhill Sailing Club** De La Warr Parade,  
commodore@bexhillsac.co.uk

**Bexhill Sea Angling Club**  
www.bexhillsac.co.uk

**Bexhill Seagirls WI** St Augustine’s Hall, St Augustines Close, Cooden Drive, Bexhill on sea, TN39 3AZ 3rd Wed of month 8 – 10 pm

**Bexhill Senior Over 55’s Club** 45 Eversley Road, bexhillseniors@gmail.com

**Bexhill Squash & Social Club** Rear of Homewarr House, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1RT 01424 219696

**Bexhill Swimming Club**  
PO Box 231 Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 9DY  
bexhillswimmingclub@hotmail.com  Tel: 0845 643 6212  
Email: bexhillswimmingclub@hotmail.com

**Bexhill Town Team**  
www.bexhilltownteam.org.uk

**Bexhill United Ladies FC**  
The Polegrove, Brockley Rd  
www.pitchero.com/clubs/bexhillunitedladiesfc/

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Clubs and Societies

Bexhill Wheelers www.bexhillwheelers.org.uk
Bexhill Writers Club 182 Cooden Drive, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3AH
Busy Bees Parent and Toddler Group Church Hall, St Mary's Church, Upper Lake, Battle, TN33 0AN 01424 773720
bvso2.southeast@parkinsons.org.uk
ChatterBex and ChatterPals has meet-ups in the town centre for coffee each week, and lots more going on! There are no fees, and no committee, just friendships! www.chattergroups.co.uk
Classic Cycle Group Ray Kony – 07711 241891
Cooden Millennium Townswomen’s Guild meet Little Common LCCA on 1st Wed at 2 pm
Gensing and Central St Leonards Community Forum (GCSL) www.gcsl.org.uk
Community Information Centre 16 Silchester Road, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0JB 01424 438291
Gullivers Bowls Club Knole Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1LJ 01424 219649
Hastings & Rother Bee Society secretary@hastingsandrotherbee.org.uk
Hastings Musical Festival – www.hastingsmusicalfestival.co.uk/ Festival Office
White Rock Theatre, 01424 437357
League of Friends of Bexhill Hospital www.bexhillhospitalfriends.org.uk
Linking Locals for Battle and TN33 area, Bexhill and Hastings a genuinely local community for local individuals with a real interest in their community www.linkingleicals.co.uk/battlebexhillhastings
Little Common Horticultural Society (LCHS) www.lchs.co.uk
Little Common Townswomen’s Guild meet at Little Common LCCA 1st Thurs at 9.30 am.
Local Vocals Battle mixed choir singing pop, rock, jazz, gospel and barbershop...
www.voicedoc.co.uk 01689 897036
Marina Townswomen’s Guild meet at the Sailing Club on the 4th Wed at 7.30 pm.
Ninfield & District Pre-school Group The Cottage, Memorial Hall, Bexhill Road, Battle, TN33 9EE 01424 893490
Ninfield Flower Group www.ninfieldflowergroup.co.uk Ninfield Memorial Hall Bexhill Road, Ninfield, TN33 9EE
RSPB www.rspb.org.uk/groups/battle/
Rotaract Club of Bexhill social group for young adults, 18-30, who wish to meet new people, try new activities and get inspired in the local community and charities www.bexhillrotaract.org.uk/ 01424 732895
Rother Community Table Tennis Academy Thurs eve in the Gym at Claverham Sports College, North Trade Rd, Battle….www.rothercta.co.uk
Saxonwood WI - Chat & Craft - 4th Mon of mth 2-4 pm Battle Memorial Hall
Sussex Brass Community based brass band. Sussex Brass practice room is located at All Saints Church Sidley, Bexhill-on-Sea www.sussexbass.co.uk 07976 705 053
The Archers of Herstmonceux Castle www.thearchersofherstmonceuxcastle.com
Little Park Farm, Hooe Road Ninfield, Nr, Battle, TN33 9EH 01424 892396
The Bexhill 100 Motoring Club PO Box 159, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3XE bexhill100@bexhill100mc.co.uk
If your club or society isn’t on the list please let us know and we will add it. Please email hillary.randall@tesco.net
Bexhill community fireworks night

Bexhill Bonfire Society and Bexhill Roundtable are organising a FREE community fireworks night at the Polegrove in Bexhill on Saturday November 29. The event starts at 7 with a programme of live music from the Hell Cats, Intruder, Dorey the Wise, Georgia Faye Steele and the Cabinaires. There will be a break at 9 for fireworks and music will continue until 10.30pm.

Craig Brown, who has breathed new life into Bexhill Bonfire Society is a member of Pentacle Drummers, Eastbourne, and attends many bonfires.

Local entrepreneur, Alastair Hazell, has sponsored the event through his businesses ARGH! and Discover Bexhill. An anonymous local donor has donated £1,000. Stuart Wray, of Bexhill Roundtable, said “it’s such an exciting venture for Bexhill as we will give people an enjoyable evening and promote local performers and businesses.”

The organisers are still looking for sponsors and for volunteers to help with the event, so if anyone can help please call Stuart Wray at Eventure on 07811 520631 or email stuart@eventure

Local Business Directory

BPS Services. Bookkeeping and Payroll Services www.bpsservices.co.uk
Dave Singh: Vehicle repairs (alley way between 4 – 6 Wickham Av) 07910 993978
HR Proofreading and editing services http://hrproofreading.blogspot.co.uk/
JNB Printers 3a Terminus Road, Bexhill. TN39 3LP 01424 222 538 Printing service.
Number 17: Inexpensive furniture 17 Wickham Avenue 07582 522489
Pearl re-stringing (or any beads) c/o Bestsellers. 56 St. Leonards Rd. 730885
Rock Solid Computing. The Mall, Western Road. www.rocksolidcomputing.co.uk

If you missed issue 1 of Bexhill & Battle News here it is: http://www.bexhilltownteam.org.uk/core/docs/bextt-2-44-bexhill-&-battle-news-iss.pdf

Please submit anything you think may be of interest to hillary.randall@tesco.net for inclusion in issue 3 in December.
Help shape your community - stand for election

People who are interested in standing for election as a councillor are invited to a pre-election event at the Town Hall, in Bexhill, on Monday, November 10 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Organised by Rother DC, it will give people the chance to find out more about the role of the council, hear from and speak to serving councillors and to learn about the support offered to members.

All 38 council seats will be up for grabs when the district council elections are held on May 7 next year, the same day as the UK General Election.

Cllr Robin Patten, chairman of the council's member development task group, said: "As a councillor you will be able to influence the decisions that affect your environment and help shape the future of your community and the district. "Representing your local area is very rewarding and provides a great opportunity to give something back to the community. "I would encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved in local affairs to come along to this event to find out more about what is involved."

The event will include an overview of how the council works and how decisions are made, short talks from several serving councillors and a question and answer session. People will also be able to have an informal chat with council officers, councillors and political agents.

More information is available by calling Lisa Anderson on 01424 787813 or emailing lisa.anderson@rother.gov.uk

**Sweet Peas and Doris.**

50 – 52 Sea Rd Bexhill-on-Sea

Eclectic range of painted, unpainted furniture and pieces, militaria, retro, vintage, upcycled, downcycled and handmade wantables.

Open Thursday – Saturday

**Marina Townswomen’s Guild** meeting Wed 26th November at 7.30 pm at the Sailing Club. There will be a brief formal meeting then a hands on demonstration of basic first aid and CPR. Prospective new members and guests welcome (£1).

**E.Sussex Age UK** Healthy Living club for the over 50s. FREE launch event Monday 17th November at Sidley Community Centre, 121 Ninfield Rd, Sidley. Contact 01273 476704 or susan.reece@ageukeastsussex.org.uk
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Bexhill’s Best Dressed Christmas Window 2014

Bexhill & Battle News is organising a best dressed Christmas window competition in Bexhill this year. Bexhill Lions Club and Bexhill Alliance are sponsoring the event. There will be 4 categories: Best Hairdresser; Best Café; Best Charity Shop; Best Retailer. Windows will be judged between December 1st and Saturday December 6th. There will be a panel of 5 judges and businesses will be notified of the judging criteria when they enter.

A list of entries will be displayed here and in the December issues of Bexhill & Battle News. It will also be promoted on Twitter and Facebook and circulated by all the marvellous groups in the town who have supported Bexhill & Battle News.

The overall winner will receive a trophy and a cheque for £100 made out to the charity of the winner’s choice from Bexhill Lions Club. The 3 remaining best in category winners will each receive a certificate and a cheque for £25 for the charity of their choice sponsored by Bexhill Alliance. Prize winners will be announced at the Santa Dash. We have started to accept entries; any business interested in entering please email: hillary.randall@tesco.net

Our first entrants are:

- Beauty Haven. Buckhurst Place.
- Warfords Jewellers. Devonshire Road.
- La Maison. Western Road.
- Bestsellers. Sea Rd/St Leonards Rd
- Sweet Pea and Doris. Sea Rd.
- IsseaPink. Wickham Avenue
- Seaside Gallery. Sea Rd
- Little British Tea Shop. St Leonards Rd
- Little Phatisserie. Endwell Rd

Look out for this poster in the windows in Bexhill:
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Pumpkins working at News Plus, Bexhill.

Better Brighter Bexhill

Join our Book Club

2nd Thursday of the month

2pm at 31 Station Road

01424 210325

Starts 13th November

First Book:

The Seige of Krishnapur

By J G Farrell

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