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CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS 26 May 2011 – 9 May 2012

Thursday 2 June	3.30 pm-6.00 pm	Chair: To attend Garden Party hosted by the High Sheriff of East Sussex and Mr Jack Gore.
Friday 10 June	7.00 pm-9.00 pm	Chair: To attend Peacehaven Town Council Mayoral Reception
Saturday 11 June	2.00 pm- 5.30 pm	Chair: To attend Southease Village Open Gardens organised in aid of the 11th Century Village Church.
Tuesday 14 June	7.00 pm- 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend celebration dinner held by The Royal Society of St George to mark the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen and to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo and D Day.
Wednesday 15 June	10.00 am- 4.00 pm	Vice Chair: To attend Northease Manor School Open Day to visit GCSE Art and Technology exhibitions and to see Drama productions. Northease Manor School is a centre of excellence for the education of students with Specific Learning Difficulties.
Thursday 16 June	7.30 pm- 8.30 pm	Vice Chair: To attend Lewes District Scout Council Annual General Meeting.
Friday 17 June	2.00 pm- 4.00 pm	Chair: To attend Plumpton College Awards Ceremony to recognise the achievements of students.
Tuesday 21 June	7.30 pm- 9.00 pm	Vice Chair: To attend Lewes District Talking Newspaper Annual General Meeting. Lewes District Talking Newspaper provides weekly audio tapes to blind and partially sighted people living in East Sussex.

Saturday 25 June	1.30 pm- 2.30 pm	Vice Chair: To attend the Seahaven Armed Forces Day. The day has been organised to celebrate and honour the Armed Forces Community.
Saturday 25 June	8.30 pm- 10.00 pm	Chair: To attend Rotary Club of Lewes Skittles Tournament in aid of charitable causes.
Sunday 26 June	10.30 am- 12.30 pm	Chair: To attend West Sussex Armed Forces and Veterans' Day Drumhead Service
Tuesday 28 June	6.00 pm- 7.30 pm	Chair: To attend the Grand Opening of Sussex Downs College Visual Arts Exhibition. Students from the Art and Design department showcasing their work.
Wednesday 29 June	10.00 am- 11.00 am	Chair: To attend Safety in Action Presentation. Nearly 800 school children took part in Safety in Action Week, organised by Lewes District Council and Sussex Police. Award presentation to take place in the winning school St Pancras in Lewes.
Monday 4 July	1.00pm – 11.00am	Chair: To attend St Anne's art gallery to view work by local artist Julian Bell. Followed by a meeting with representatives from Citizens Advice Bureau to get an overview of the advice service that they operate across the District
Wednesday 6 July	12.30 pm- 3.30 pm	Chair: To host Annual Summer Party at Lewes House.
Wednesday 6 July	6.30 pm- 9.30 pm	Chair: To attend Chairman of East Sussex County Council Cllr Chris Dowling Annual Summer Party
Friday 8 July	8.00 pm- 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend the AGM of Seahaven District Scouts.
Saturday 9 July	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Chair: To attend the Crowborough Area Music Centre Concert. The Centre's advanced ensembles performing in the All Saints Church in Crowborough.

Sunday 10 July	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Chair: To attend the opening of Peace Garden in Seaford, to be opened by the Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Linda Wallraven. The Peace Garden is a partnership project between Seaford Quaker Meeting and Seaford Town Council, which owns Crouch Gardens, where the Peace Garden is located. Lewes District Council ensures that the gardens are maintained.
Tuesday 12 July	11.00am – 12pm	Chair: To attend re-launch for Independent Living Services at the Anzak Room, Community House, Peacehaven.
Saturday 16 July	7.45 pm- 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend reception at Newhaven Ship Hotel followed by promenade performance and street theatre staged by ZAP art and Generik Vapeur around the Port and Beach of Newhaven
Saturday 23 July	12.00 pm-1.00 pm	Chair: To attend Telscombe and Peacehaven local community Summer Fayre
Tuesday 26 July	12.15 pm-13.30 pm	Chair: To attend St James's Trust Luncheon Club for lunch and to meet the volunteers, helpers, disabled and elderly that St James's Trust provide a service for.
Saturday 30 July	11.15 am-2.30 pm	Chair: To attend Lark in the Park local community event. The Chair will inaugurate the event by planting a tree with the Mayor of Peacehaven, Councillor Phil Howson, and the young Mayors from the District. Visit to the different community groups taking part including the Bowls club where Councillor Russell will roll the first ball.
Tuesday 2 August	12.30 pm-13.15 pm	Chair: To officially open Art Wave Festival at the All Saints Centre in Lewes. Venues across the district take part in this visual art festival, organised by Lewes District Council and now in its 18th year. Over 100 venues and more than 400 artists are taking part.
Tuesday 9 August	8:30 pm-9:00 pm	Chair: To attend candle lit vigil to commemorate victims of Nagasaki in the Peace Gardens, Crouch Gardens, Seaford

Saturday 13 August	2.00 pm-3.00 pm	Chair: To attend Peacehaven Horticultural Society Summer Show and to present winning prizes. To take place at the Meridian Community Hall, Peacehaven.
Sunday 14 August	12.30 pm-4.00 pm	Chair: To attend Reception followed by Memorial Service to commemorate the Raid on Dieppe. A Memorial Service will be held at the Canadian Memorial, Newhaven. Attended by representatives from the Canadian High Commissioner, Canadian Veterans Association of the UK, Royal British Legion, Mayor of Newhaven, the Mayor of Dieppe, local school children, and Newhaven Town Council.
Thursday 18 August	6.30 pm-9.00 pm	Vice-Chair: To attend Seaford in Bloom awards ceremony to receive award on behalf of Lewes District Council. The site that won the award is Micklefield Way, Seaford, managed by the Parks and Cemeteries Division. The ceremony will be held in Deans Place Hotel, Alfriston.
Thursday 18 August	11.00 am-10.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Raid on Dieppe commemorations in France. Memorial services taking place at Plage de Puys, the cemetery in Vertus and Square du Canada in Dieppe.
Friday 19 August	8.30 am-9.00 pm	As above, see additional information attached for details of commemoration
Sunday 21 August	1.30 pm-2.30 pm	Chair: To open the Summer Fun Garden Party and Fete at Downlands Court. Organised by the Friends of Downlands.
Wednesday 24 August	2.00 pm-4.00 pm	Chair: To attend official opening of St George's Park new bowling green at the retirement village, Ditchling.
Monday 5 September	10.30 am-12.00 pm	Chair: To host the launch of the Lewes Heritage Open Days leaflet to be attended by the Chair of English Heritage Baroness Andrews.
Thursday 8 September	5.30 pm-6.30 pm	Chair: To attend reception hosted by the Mayor of the City of Brighton and Hove, Councillor Anne Meadows.

Friday 9 September	7.30 pm-9.00 pm	Chair: To attend talk at Anne of Cleves House organised by the Friends of Lewes, Sir John Gage The rise of a Tudor courtier. Illustrated talk by Helen Poole.
Monday 11 September	10.55 am-5.00 pm	Chair: To officially open the annual commemorative Battle of Britain event at Newhaven Fort. The event is attended by veterans, former Women's Land Army and Royal Observer Corps members, military vehicle owners and members of the public. Battle of Britain Memorial Flight scheduled to take place, weather permitting
Saturday 17 September	10.00 am-11.00 am	Chair: To attend the Official Opening of Seaford Photographic Society Annual Exhibition in the Crypt Gallery, Seaford. The aim of the Society is to encourage learning and to bring together people who are interested in all branches of photography.
Sunday 18 September	2.00 pm-4.00 pm	Chair: To attend Royal Airforce Association Seahaven Branch Battle of Britain Service and Parade. Includes a wreath laying service at the War Memorial in Seaford. Battle of Britain Memorial Fly Past.
Tuesday 27 September	2.00 pm-3.30 pm	Chair: To attend NHS AGM, which will report on the achievements of staff, partners and members of the community in improving the health of our population. The AGM takes place in Pelham House, Lewes.
Thursday 29 September	7.00 pm - 9.30 pm	Chair: To attend Lewes Operatic Society performance of the Big lolanthe.
Wednesday 5 October	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Chair: To attend Lewes District Senior's Forum to mark Older People's Day. The Chair will introduce the first speaker Dr Alan Stewart, General Practitioner, who will present a lecture on nutrition, exercise and life styles. Other guests include the Mayor of Lewes, Councillor John Stockdale. The event takes place at Cliffe Community Hall, Cliffe High Street, Lewes

Friday 7 October	12.30 pm - 1.30 pm	Chair: To present retirement honorarium to Ray Tourle, Charge-hand driver, who has worked for Lewes District Council for 30 years and is now retiring. Event to take place at Newhaven Enterprise Centre.
Saturday 8 October	8.00 am -10.00 am	Chair: To attend The High Sheriff of East Sussex Prayer Breakfast. Houses of Parliament initially organised a prayer breakfast. This is East Sussex 12th Prayer Breakfast. It is an opportunity for leaders of different organisations to consider the relationship of Christian faith to work and action.
Tuesday 11 October	12.00 pm - 2.00 pm	Chair: To attend the official opening of a new community building in Peacehaven, hosted by the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Peter Field. The House Project Centre, who owns the building, is a registered charity that raises funds for the local community. The House Project Centre operates along the coastal strip from Newhaven to Rottingdean. The new building will host computer sessions and will be more accessible than the current premises.
Monday 17 October	10.15 am - 2.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Service for the Judiciary at St Anne's Church hosted by the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mrs Kathy Gore. The Service will be followed by a Sitting in court.
Thursday 20 October	9.00 am - 4.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings Conference and to welcome participants to the event.
Friday 21 October	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend dinner to celebrate the victory of Trafalgar hosted by The Royal Society of St George. The Royal Society of St George Seahaven is the lead organiser for Armed Forces Day 2012.

Sunday 23 October	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Chair: To attend the 90 year Anniversary of the unveiling of the India Gate. In remembrance of the sacrifices of Indian servicemen and Brighton and Hove residents during the Great War. The event has been organised by Brighton and Hove Black History, the Chattri Group and the Hindu Women Group. Black History focuses on the history of Asian, African and African Caribbean people.
Wednesday 26 October	7.30 pm - 10.30 pm	Chair: To attend the Lord Lieutenants of East and West Sussex Awards and Presentations Ceremony in celebration of the work of members of the Reserve and Cadet Forces from the Community of Sussex.
Saturday 5 November	5.00 pm - 9.30 pm	Chair: To host Lewes Bonfire celebrations at Lewes House for new Councillors, Legal and Democratic Services and representatives from voluntary organisations.
Sunday 6 November	2.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Chair: To attend East Sussex County Scout Council event at Lewes Town Hall. The event is held to present scouts with the Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scouts Awards. Awards include the Queen's scout award, Platinum awards and Diamond awards presented to different age groups who have completed a series of tasks.
Sunday 13 November	9.45 am - 11.30 am	Chair: To attend Remembrance Service at St Michel's Church, Newhaven, followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial.
Sunday 13 November	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Chair: To attend the Remembrance Day Parade and Service in Lewes hosted by the Mayor of Lewes, Councillor John Stockdale. A ceremony at the War Memorial is followed by Divine Worship in the Church of St. John sub Castro
Monday 14 November	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To open the Newhaven Art Club Annual Exhibition taking place in the Anzac Room, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven

Thursday 17 November	6.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend Youth Music Concert organised by the Regional Music Centre and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lewes. The concert is held to support local talent and to help young people gain experience in performing in front of audiences. A Reception is held in the Mayor's Parlour before the performance and in the interval to present sponsorship money to selected young soloists. Lewes Town Hall.
Saturday 19 November	12.30 pm - 3.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Lewes District Coastal Muslim Community Islamic New Year Celebration. There will be a Quran recital by the Children's Group and an opportunity to meet local community members.
Friday 25 November	7.00 pm - 11.00 pm	Chair: To attend Sussex University Royal Naval Unit Blackbeard Night Dinner. The Sussex University Royal Naval Unit is based in Falmer and offers leadership, seamanship and navigation training to approximately 50 undergraduates.
Sunday 27 November	2.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Chair: To attend Martlets Hospice Light up a Life annual event at Peacehaven Meridian Centre.
Friday 2 December	4.30 pm - 6.30 pm	Chair: To attend the Great Big Christmas Sing with South Downs Percussion Ensemble at Glynde Opera House, Glyndebourne. The concert is performed by students who form part of East Sussex Music Service in Lewes.
Wednesday 7 December	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend Anne of Cleves Christmas event organised by the Friends of Lewes
Friday 9 December	7.30 pm – 10.30 pm	Chair: To attend Telscombe Town Council Christmas event in support of the Mayor's charities.
Saturday 10 December	7.15 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend Seaford Musical Theatre Christmas Performance. Seaford Musical Theatre is a registered charity that started as the Seaford Operatic Society in 1927. Based in the Barn Theatre since 1983. Seaford Musical Theatre is currently raising funds for a disabled access. The Chair

will present the winning tickets for the Christmas Draw

Sunday 11 December	3.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Chair: To attend Ashdown Singers Christmas Concert organised by Lewes District Churches Homelink. Homelink assist people who are homeless or risk homelessness.
Monday 12 December	5.30 pm - 7.00 pm	Chair: To attend Her Majesty's Prison in Lewes as the guest of the Governor Robin Eldridge for the Carol Service.
Wednesday 14 December	7.00 pm - 8.30 pm	Chair: To attend a Carol Concert hosted by the Mayor of Peacehaven, Councillor Phil Howson. Includes contributions from local schools and churches. The Carol Concert will take place in the Main Hall, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven.
Friday 16 December	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Chair: To officially open Owlswick new school building. Owlswick is an independent school which offers education and care to young people aged 9-17 with learning disabilities and or emotional/social behaviour issues. Most of these youngsters have been excluded from main stream education.
Saturday 17 December	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Chair: To attend East Sussex Community Choir Christmas Concert at the Town Hall in Lewes. The Christmas Concert is performed by students from East Sussex Music Service. The East Sussex Music Service nurtures local talent and run music classes for children between the age of 4-18.
Thursday 19 January	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Help for Heroes Charity Evening at the Rainbow Inn in Cooksbridge. There will be a charity auction to raise funds for Help for Heroes.
Friday 20 January	11.30 am - 3.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Wind Turbine Launch at Glyndebourne Opera House. The event will be inaugurated by Sir David Attenborough.

Saturday 21 January	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Chair: To attend the Royal British Legion Conference held at Ringmer Community College. The Chair will give the Civic welcome before the conference starts.
Friday 27 January	10.15 am - 10.50 am	Chair: To plant a cherry tree with the Mayor of Peacehaven Councillor Phil Howson to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme for this year's event is speak up, speak out. The tree will be planted by Greenwich Way/ Meridian Way, Peacehaven. Attended by Rabbi Charles Wallach.
Friday 27 January	11.00 am – 12.00 noon	Chair: To attend Peacehaven Community School for Holocaust Memorial Day hosted by the Young Mayor of Peacehaven Megan Foster.
Thursday 16 February	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Mayor of Seaford's Charity Bake Off. The event will raise funds for WAVES family support service. There is a baking competition and Councillor Russell will be part of the judging panel.
Friday 17 February	12.30 pm - 13.30 pm	Chair: To attend Peacehaven and Telscombe Towns Forum. The Chair will give a presentation to community groups including Age Concern, Women's Institute, Access and residents' associations.
Thursday 23 February	12.40 pm - 2.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Rotary Club of Lewes luncheon to mark Rotary International Day. The Rotary Club of Lewes was established in 1923 and is the oldest of the Rotary clubs in Lewes. Raises money throughout the year for charities.
Friday 24 February	6.00 pm - 7.30 pm	Chair: To attend Chillax youth club run by the Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church in Peacehaven.
Saturday 25 February	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Chair: To attend the Mayor of Newhaven Councillor Saunders' charity event to raise funds for three charities; Coastwatch, Vista Newhaven Blind & Partially Sighted Group and Newhaven Youth Football. The event takes place at Seaford Constitutional Club.

Monday 19 March	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Chair: To present the Access for All awards at the Hillcrest Centre in Newhaven.
Wednesday 21 March	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend the Seaford Young Mayor's Awards. Young Mayors were introduced in 2002 to encourage young people to become familiar with the voting process and local democracy. The results of the election for the new Deputy Young Mayor of Seaford for 2012/2013 will be announced during the evening.
Monday 26 March	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm	Chair: To attend Chailey Heritage School for a tour around the facilities to see the work that takes place there. Chailey Heritage School is a charitable special school for children and young adults aged between 3 and 19 with complex physical disabilities.
Wednesday 28 March	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Chair: To attend East Sussex Academy of Music Easter Concert at St John sub Castro in Lewes.
Thursday 29 March	7.00 pm - 10.00 pm	Chair: To host drinks reception and attend the Lewes Operatic Society's performance of the Pirates of Penzance.
Friday 30 March	9.30 am – 10.30 am	Chair: To judge Celebrating in 2012 banner competition. Images made by local school children.
Friday 20 April	6.00 pm - 8.00 pm	Chair: To host event at the Linklater Pavilion in Lewes to thank voluntary groups for their services to the community
Sunday 22 April	10.45 am - 12.00 pm	Chair: To attend Lewes District Scout Council's Annual St George Parade and the renewal of Scouts Own. Followed by reception at Lewes Town Hall attended by the Mayor of Lewes Councillor John Stockdale and local MP Norman Baker.
Monday 23 April	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Chair: To attend the Royal Society of St George Service at St Andrews Church, Alfriston.

Monday 7 May

10.00 am - 11.30 am

Chair: To attend the Garland Day in Lewes for the Knots of May, an old custom of gathering flowers on May Day. Children will make their own garlands and Councillor Russell will be one of the judges and award prizes on the day.