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Hello Everyone – hope you are all enjoying the hot summer sunshine in Swanage!

We wanted to get in touch with you all quickly concerning the recent letter from the new owners so this Newsletter will not cover any usual topics such as grass and hedge cutting, car parking, the Leisure Centre etc., but just to comment on the content on Aria's letter. However, before that and for those of you who don't know, our Chairman, Mike Hardiman, was involved in a very nasty car accident some 6 weeks ago, which resulted in a broken pelvis and a fairly lengthy hospital stay. He is recovering slowly and we are in touch with him, but this letter comes to you from other committee members in his absence.

So, after an elongated period of silence from Aria, we have finally received some communication from them but unfortunately, their letter did not set things off to a good start between caravan owners and the new park management for the following reasons ...

1. The letter was not professionally produced, for example it was not dated, did not contain a reference, was not personally addressed and gave no indication of the job title of the author.
2. It was interesting to see that owners are only a "part" of the future of the park. No indication was given of what the other "parts" may be
3. The letter stated that "no person may occupy a holiday home for more than 6 consecutive weeks". This is certainly not part of the Darwin/NACO 2013 licence and we would suggest is not legally enforceable.
4. The letter talks about "informing" owners about their plans rather than "consulting" with owners about future plans. This is the same mistake that Darwin made when they took over the park and we all know about the money that was wasted on developments that owners did not want and the lack of progress on things we **did** want e.g. WiFi, a restaurant tailored to meet owners needs.
5. It is not helpful to have short deadlines of 14 days to get documentation to the park, especially when many retired owners take extended holidays abroad and may not be at home to receive land mail. Hopefully Aria will set up email communication with owners, something we never got with Darwin even after 5 years of asking.

It was useful however, to have a the new out of hours contact number and the bank details of Aria so that bills can be paid again by bank transfer. **The Association has written to Aria to clarify the position with regard to the proposed 6 week rule and will get back to all members once we have received a reply.**

#### **OVERDUE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019-2022**

In the light of our comments above, and Aria coming in 'flexing their muscles' so to speak, we do feel that there is safety in numbers, should the need arise for us to make challenges against their plans/decisions etc. so we would urge you to please pay your overdue subscriptions if you have not yet done so. Our current membership stands at around 150 members

Following our June reminder to please pay for the current 3 year period, many of you have done so, and thank you for that, but for those who have not yet paid, we would urge you do so as soon as you

can, either by sending a cheque for £15 (for 3 years) to Membership Secretary, Marjorie Edwards at PO Box 5534, Swanage, BH19 2ZN, or popping along to Caravan 66 in Sunflower with the money.

As a reminder to you, and also to save the energy of the reps for each flower section by not having to walk around the hilly site during their holiday times, the following members have still not paid:

Tulip: 17, 18, 22, 23, 24  
Daisy: 37, 39B, 56, 59, 84, 85, 86, 87A, 87B, 87C, 88A, 89, 90A, 96  
Buttercup: 43, 44, 46, 46A, 198A, 198C, 200, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 212A, 212B, 217, 222  
225, 226A, 226B  
Sunflower: 61, 66A  
Rose: 104A, 106, 113  
Poppy: 127, 128, 130, 167, 173, 174, 177, 179, 180, 186, 195  
Honeysuckle: 231, 236, 250, 258, 259, 266, 267a  
Sweet Pea: 274, 278, 286a, 287, 290A, 295  
Bluebell: 302, 306, 310

If you see your caravan number listed here, please would you pay the Association for your membership, or let us know if you have left the park or if you no longer want to receive any correspondence/advice from us. (Apologies if you have paid between the time of typing and then despatching this newsletter)

Thank you so much.

#### NEXT MEETING

Please note that the next Owner's Association is on Saturday 28 September at 5pm at Emmanuel Church, 160 Victoria Avenue ... and let's hope that there will be nothing at all to complain about!

Best wishes