

BAYVIEW CARAVAN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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Next Association meeting

2016 AGM - Saturday 1st October at 5pm to 7pm (to include refreshments) at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage.

Committee news

An up to date list of committee members appears at the end of this newsletter.

Future meeting dates

2016 AGM – Saturday 1st October – 5pm (confirmed)

2017 General meeting – Saturday 8th April - 5pm (confirmed)

2017 AGM – Saturday 30th September (provisional)

2016 Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2016/2019 are now overdue. As agreed at our 2015 AGM subscriptions will be £10 per pitch to cover the period March 2016 to March 2019. We still have a small number of members who have not paid their subs. It is unfair to expect committee members to visit caravans to collect subs during their holidays at the park so could we please ask all members to renew their subs over the next week if possible. There are several ways you can pay your £10 subscription as detailed below

- cheque or cash payment to Marjorie Edwards at caravan number 66 (your caravan number on back of the cheque)
- Bank Transfer to Lloyds Bank. Payable to sort code 30-99-12, account number 01819778, please put your caravan number in the "reference" space
- cheque posted to - PO Box 5534, □Swanage, □Dorset, □BH19 2ZN - please put your caravan number on the back of the cheque

All cheques payable to "Bay View Caravan Owners' Association

Owners who do not pay their subs will be removed from our mailing database from 1st August 2016 and this will be the last newsletter they will receive.

New members

It is vital that the Association has as many members as possible if we wish to be effective and represent the views of the majority of owners at SBV. Our target for this year will be to get 90% of owners at the park signed up as members. You can help enormously in this task by promoting the Association with your immediate neighbours, especially any new owners you see moving into your area. Attached to this email is a new member leaflet that you can print or email to a new owner. All they have to do is complete the form and pay their £10 (see notes at the bottom of the proforma of how to do this) and we will do all the rest

Park Rules

Following the consultation with owners, the new park rules have now been published and an updated copy has been sent out by the park manager. The whole consultation process has been handled well by the park. Due to the feedback given during the consultation, and the

advice from Dorset Trading Standards, the rule on storage boxes has been amended to state that new storage boxes must be made of metal (fire regulations) but do not have to be purchased through the park. Thank you to all owners who responded to the consultation and sent a copy of their response to the Association for information.

Grounds

Many owners have commented that the grounds at the park are being maintained in a much better condition than last year, with more regular grass cutting. We welcome this improvement. However a few owners have commented on bank areas not being maintained. If there is a particular area you are concerned about please ask at reception for a Job Sheet to be completed with the work that needs doing so this can be programmed into work schedules. Please do not ask grounds staff as they work around the park to carry out additional jobs – everything should be done via a Job Sheet request please.

Barrier

The key pad arm on the entry barrier has now been extended which makes reaching the key pad from your car easier. This does address some of the issues that owners had been commenting on over the last year.

Pitch Fees

Could we remind owners that pay their pitch fees by two installments that their second installment must be paid by 1st September at the latest. Paying fees late produces an extra administration load for the office and puts owners in breach of their licence.

Caravan for sale

We have been informed by a member that they are putting their caravan up for sale. We understand that the van has to be removed at the end of next season but does have the old Swanage Town Council licence which can be passed to the new owner who may then wish to purchase a new van on this pitch (on the STC licence). We are informed that the pitch is one of the best on the park with excellent views. Anyone interested should contact the Association who will put them in contact with the owner.

Restaurants

We are still receiving mixed reports about the park restaurant, although most seem to be negative. Complaints centre around menu items not being available, long waits for food, poor value for money and quality depending on who the chef is on the day. Please tell us about your experiences, good and bad, so we can feed these back to the park management.

Many new owners often ask which restaurants we recommend in the town and surrounding area. If you have a favourite that gives good value for money please let us know and we will add it to our next newsletter.

Some good places that we know of already (addresses on the internet)

Sunday lunch at the **British legion** in Swanage

Clavell's café and restaurant at Kimmeridge (especially with the money off coupon in the local papers)

Holme garden centre café and restaurant, West Holme near Wareham – excellent coffee and cakes/cream teas and lunch time meals taken indoors or outside around the large pond (plus pick your own in the summer!)

Love Cake in Swanage – fantastic home made cakes, coffee, breakfasts and meals

Chilled Red Restaurant in Swanage – great evening meals, especially the fish. Little pricey

Advance booking advised for the restaurants

Caravan sales

We are pleased to report that the Association has received no complaints this year about caravan sales/purchases on the park. This is very different from previous years, which the Association hopes will continue now that the new Sales Manager is in place.

Rubbish

Could we please remind owners that if a rubbish bin is full please do not leave items on the floor by the bin or sticking out of the top of the bin (the lid must be left fully closed) but take it to the spare rubbish bins down at the bottom of the park in the yard area to the left of the exit barrier. Rubbish left on the floor attracts vermin who shred the packaging, exposing food waste etc that then attracts more vermin. This is very unpleasant for owners who have caravans nearby. If you have any issues regarding rubbish disposal please inform reception and ask for a Job Sheet to be completed if necessary.

Christmas social

The 2nd SBVCOA Christmas Social will take place on Saturday 3rd December from 6pm to 8pm in the reception area of Emmanuel Baptist church. As last year there will be drinks, Christmas savory and sweet goodies to eat, Christmas music, a quiz and raffle. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow caravan owners. As it is the same day as the Swanage Christmas Street market why not book a weekend at your caravan to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. There will be no charge for the social for paid up members.

Committee members

Richard Swan – (189) – Chair	(Poppy rep) <input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemary Burbridge – (311) – Vice Chair	(Bluebell rep) <input type="checkbox"/>
Marjorie and Richard Edwards – (66) – Secretary	(Sunflower rep) <input type="checkbox"/>
Rhoda and Damian Goodwin – Treasurer (19)	(Tulip rep)
Lisa Murray – (274)	(Sweetpea rep) <input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Hardiman – (62)	(Sunflower rep) <input type="checkbox"/>
Val and Roy Gill – (244)	(Honeysuckle rep) <input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Carter – (84)	(Daisy rep) <input type="checkbox"/>
Leslie and Linda Burgess – (226A)	(Buttercup rep)
Ian and Phillipa Hills (90e)	(Daisy rep)
Trevor Bradbury (245)	(Sweetpea rep)
Harry Horton (210)	(Buttercup rep)
Derek Keller (TBA)	(Rose rep)