

BAYVIEW CARAVAN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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Next Association meeting

2017 General meeting – Saturday 8th April - 5pm (confirmed) at Emmanuel Baptist church

Committee news

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

Future meeting dates

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

2017 AGM – Saturday 30th September (confirmed)

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 savoury 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 who have booked a place. **If you wish to attend the social then please let the Association know your name, caravan number and the number attending by replying to this email.** This is needed for catering purposes.

2016 AGM

The minutes for the 2016 AGM are attached to this mailing.

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

Pitch Fees

All owners should receive a letter outlining the pitch fees and any Capital Expenditure items for 2017 by the end of November (this gives the 3 months notice as required by our licence - NACO/Darwin 2013 licence). We estimate that the current pitch fee will rise by about 0.7%, which is the expected October CPI figure (usually published mid November). As discussed at the AGM, we expect an additional Capital Expenditure item to be added to the pitch fee to cover the cost of new electricity supply equipment. This item should be applied according to the terms of your licence. We understand that different licences implement Capital Expenditure items in different ways. **Please read your licence carefully to check that the CE figure has been applied in accordance with the terms of your licence.** For example, some licences state that should be spread over a number of years. Darwin has informed us that this will be a 10 year period for licences that have this clause. There is currently some concern about the way it may be implemented for pitches that have less than 10 years on the licence to go. More detail will be given in our next newsletter once the pitch fee letters have been received.

Drain down

Please remember that as winter approaches you will probably wish to drain down your caravan to prevent any water damage during freezing weather. This can be done by the park or by local contractors such as Purbeck Heating and Electrical (01929 480830). It was pleasing to see that the park has not raised its charges this year for drain down and other service work.

Limescale

Several owners recommend the installation of a Combimate in their caravan to reduce the build up of limescale in their boiler and shower units. This can be fitted by Purbeck Heating and Electrical – see contact details above. The Combimate costs around £150 plus fitting costs, for details look up Combimate on the web.

Rubbish

Could we please ask owners to be respectful of other owners who have caravans near the bin enclosures. Early morning and late evening drop offs by car are particularly disturbing for these owners. We shall be discussing the location of bins at the park at a future meeting with Darwin.

Sub let clinic

A reminder for anyone who wishes to sub let their van next year, either through Darwin or privately, that the park is holding a clinic between 10.00 and 12.00 in the restaurant on Saturday 12th November. This is the same day as the Darwin Owners Party which is very helpful as owners can attend both events on one trip to Swanage.

2016/2019 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. There are several ways you can pay your £10 subscription, as detailed below, if you have not done so already

- 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

Committee members

Richard Swan – (189) – Chair	(Poppy rep) □
Rosemary Burbridge – (311) – Vice Chair	(Bluebell rep) □
Marjorie and Richard Edwards – (66) – Secretary	(Sunflower rep) □
Rhoda and Damian Goodwin – Treasurer (19)	(Tulip rep)
Michael Hardiman – (62)	(Sunflower rep) □
Val and Roy Gill – (244)	(Honeysuckle rep) □
Ian and Phillipa Hills (90e)	(Daisy rep)
Trevor Bradbury (245)	(Sweetpea rep)
Harry Horton (210)	(Buttercup rep)
Derek Keller (70)	(Rose rep)