

BAYVIEW CARAVAN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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Next Association meeting

Our next general meeting will be on Saturday 23rd March from 5-7pm in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue. We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you. Refreshments will be served afterwards, as usual, so that you can catch up with existing friends and make new ones!

Future meeting dates

The 2019 AGM will be on Saturday 28th September, from 5-7pm, in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, as previously notified.

Pitch fee increase

You should all have received a letter from Darwin regarding the pitch fee increase for the coming season, subsequently followed up by an invoice. The increase is 2.2% for owners on the 2013 licence. This is in accordance with the licence, as it is the CPI increase as at the end of October 2018. It is worth checking that this percentage has been correctly applied to your previous year's fee, particularly for those on other licences and which have alternative wording. It has been noted that the addition for capital expenditure is no longer separately identified, making it difficult to track when the 10 years is reached. This is the 3rd year.

Please remember to pay before 1st March. If you pay electronically you can set up the payment date in advance so that you don't forget to make it. Otherwise put a note in your diary. In the past there have been situations where owners have been in breach of their licence for failing to pay on time and, as a result, their licence has been terminated in accordance with the clause in the licence.

Mailings during the winter period – a reminder

Some owners spend a large part of the winter period abroad and therefore are not at home to receive mailings from the park/Darwin during this period. This is especially important as many financial communications arrive during this time. The Operations Director at Darwin has agreed to ask the park manager to introduce ways by which important mailings can be sent to owners (by email scanning or overseas post) who are abroad and have informed the park in advance of their contact details/dates. **Please inform the park office and the central Darwin finance office if you are going to be abroad for an extended period during the winter and wish your mail to be redirected / emailed**

Park Management

Lucy Welsh is now our Park Manager and we extend a warm welcome to her in her new role. In her latest Newsletter Lucy advises us that she is available via Reception and, if not available at that moment, an appointment can be booked to see her should the need arise.

Registration forms

We have been requested to return our annual registration forms prior to 1st March. I have checked this out with Reception and have been informed that the registration forms are only required to obtain use of the pool and gym, so if you do not use those facilities there is no need to return the forms. However, if you do use either the pool or the gym return of the registration form is required before 1st March. It would appear that a charge of £5 has been imposed for registration forms returned after that date, so this means that forms will need to be posted to Reception at Swanage if they are to arrive before 1st March.

Security barrier code

Park Management has recently informed us of the change of barrier code as from 1st March. Note that the code will be in use 24/7, so no need to press the Reception button during normal office hours as is currently the situation. However, it does mean that you must remember to make a note of the number! Also, a new code system has been introduced for those who are renting out their vans privately. The code will need to be used from 4pm through until 9am. Codes for subletting are available from Gina (01929 422130) who is now looking after all aspects of subletting.

Sandbanks Ferry

If you use the Sandbanks Ferry it is worth noting that it was out of action for a while during the early part of the winter due to mechanical problems. The latest information from their website is that the service is now operating again but at a reduced frequency.

Summer BBQ

There were insufficient numbers to support a Christmas social last year as many owners would already have closed down their caravan at that time of the year, it has been suggested that more members may be at Swanage during the summer, in which case we would like to see if an event such as a Summer BBQ has an appeal. The latest Newsletter from the Park identifies Saturday 22nd June as a Darwin organised BBQ so members may wish to consider whether this would suit their needs or whether a further BBQ, solely for Association Members, on a separate date, would be welcomed. We will include this on our Agenda for 23rd March so please let us have your thoughts then.

Communication from members

A number of questions have been received from members via the Association's email address during the winter closedown. These have mainly concerned matters relating to rental of caravans and technical issues in connection with caravan maintenance. The Committee has tried to provide helpful answers.

Special charity event (30th March)

Members may like to know that there is a special charity event on 30th March called 'Double D'. This is for a local couple, (Dani and Dan), who lost their daughter in a car accident and have, themselves, suffered life-changing injuries. The event is to help fund future medical equipment that Dani will require.

Owners Association subscriptions

A new 3-year subscription period commences on 1st March and covers the period 2019/20 to 2021/22. The membership fee is £15 for the whole of the 3-year period and can be paid as follows:

By electronic bank transfer: to Lloyds bank, sort code 30-99-12, account number 01819778.
Important: please add your caravan number in the 'reference' space.

By post: cheque payable to Bay View Caravan Owners Association, and posted to PO Box 5534, Swanage Dorset, BH19 2ZN. Please write your caravan number on the back of the cheque.

In person: by cash or cheque (payable to Bay View Caravan Owners Association) at the owners meeting on 23rd March, or direct to Marjorie Edwards at caravan 66.

New members will need to complete the details on the membership proforma.

New members

It is vital that the Association continues to have 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, again, be to get 90% of owners signed up as members. You can all help enormously with this task by promoting the Association to your immediate neighbours, especially any new owners you see moving into the area near your caravan. Attached to this email is a Welcome Brochure for new members which you can print or email to a new owner. There will be additional printed copies available at the next meeting. New members only have to complete the proforma at the end of the Welcome Brochure, pay the 3-year subscription of £15 which lasts until 2021/22. We do all the rest.

Committee members:

Mike Hardiman (Chair) – (62) Sunflower rep
Rosemary Burbridge (Vice Chair) – (311) Bluebell rep
Marjorie Edwards (Secretary) and Richard Edwards – (66) Sunflower rep
Rhoda Goodwin (Treasurer) and Damian Goodwin – (Tulip rep)
Ian Hills – (90e) Daisy rep
Dave Jones – (69) Sunflower rep
Giselle Parsons – (206)
Keith Parsons – (206)
Josh Reynolds – (70) Rose rep
Ann Rich – (92)
Val and Roy Gill – (244) Honeysuckle rep
Richard Swan – (189) Poppy rep
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