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## Newsletter 80 January 2017

### **Next Association meeting**

2017 General meeting – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 AGM – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September (confirmed)  
2017 Christmas social – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 (provisional)  
2018 GM - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March (provisional)  
2018 AGM – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September (provisional)

### **Capital Expenditure**

We were very pleased to see that, following feedback from the Association, the Darwin Board had a change of mind about how they were going to charge owners, who had less than 10 years on their licence (NACO/Darwin 2013 licence), for this item. All owners, with a Capital Expenditure clause in their licence, will now pay 10% of the C.E. fee each year for the next 10 years. If their caravan is sold before the 10 years is up then the new owners will continue to pay the C.E. for the remaining years. All owners should by now have received a letter from Darwin about the new arrangement.

A small number of owners are concerned that they do not use much electricity and therefore should not be charged for the upgrade. The Association has advised any such owners to contact Darwin as individuals. It is hoped that the electrical upgrade work will begin within the next few weeks. Owners will be notified as soon as dates are agreed. Darwin has agreed that park staff would ensure that if the electrical supply is turned off during this work, park staff would check that no caravan involved has tripped its outside main fuse as this causes freezers to defrost and boiler froststats not to work

### **Core Site Fee**

Please note for the last 4 years your core fee should have risen by the CPI figure if you are on the NACO/Darwin 2013 licence. The finance department at Darwin have agreed that the CPI figures for the last 4 years are as follows

2014	+2.2%
2015	+1.3%
2016	-0.1%
2017	+0.9%

One owner has already found that his invoices for the last 4 years were incorrectly calculated and has received a refund of over £70. Could we please suggest that all owners with a CPI clause in their licence check that the correct calculations have been made in the calculation of their site fees over the last 4 years. Please contact Clare Dyer at Darwin if you find an error. Please note that most of the finance work for SBV is now carried out at Darwin head office and not at SBV.

### **Electricity bills**

All owners should now have received their electricity bill for the last 12 months together with an apology from Clare Dyer regarding the lateness of the billing. It appears that, in the future, we will receive electric bills every 3 months.

### **Unco-ordinated mailings from Darwin**

The Association has informed Darwin that it is unhappy that so many unco-ordinated mailings (mostly from the finance department) have been sent out over the winter period, sometimes multiple mailings have been received on the same day. This represents a waste of hundreds of pounds of our site fees. Surprisingly Darwin does not have software to co-ordinate all billings to owners.

### **Mailings during the winter period**

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. Drew 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.

### **Hedge in Bluebell section**

There have been a few requests sent to the park for the hedge in Bluebell section to be cut (the Association has only received copies of 2 requests). There has also been one request for it not to be cut. The park will make a decision shortly on the future of the hedge so that this issue can be closed.

### **Advance notice of entertainment events**

The Association has requested that more information is given in advance to owners regarding the entertainment programme at the park so they can plan visits to their caravans to support events they are interested in. It was pleasing to see that the recent newsletter does give dates of entertainment events for the next couple of months.

### **Owners Party 2016**

There have been universally positive reports about the Owners Party in November, especially regarding the food. The Association would like to thank all the staff at SBV for an excellent evening.

### **Christmas social 2017**

The 3rd SBVCOA Christmas Social will take place on Saturday 2nd 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. Please pop the date in your diary now.

### **2016 AGM**

The minutes for the 2016 AGM were attached to Newsletter 78

### **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

### **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)  
Trevor Bradbury (245)  
Harry Horton (210)  
Derek Keller (70)

(Daisy rep)  
(Sweetpea rep)  
(Buttercup rep)  
(Rose rep)