Spring News 2024



Wind and sand swept promenade - Sandbanks in April

A summary of the Annual General Meeting

We were pleased to welcome 42 PBHA members to our AGM at the East Dorset Lawn Tennis Club in March.

Bob introduced Cllr Millie Earl, portfolio holder for the seafront and tourism and Cllr Richard Herrett. In addition, Andrew Brown Seafront Operations Manager and Jacqueline Wood, Beach Huts Manager attended.



Many thanks to all those who attended our AGM in March and of course to our guest speakers. A summary of the meeting appears below. The minutes can be found on our website.

It was reassuring to hear that the Branksome Dene Room is to be kept for community use only and has been refurbished to a good standard. Also confirmation was given on a five year rolling maintenance plan for beach huts.

In response to many questions on toilet cleaning we heard that three teams of cleaners will cover the seafront, good news that one will focus on Sandbanks which has previously been understaffed in peak periods.

Keep up-to-date with PBHA news and regular updates on www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk

Bob Lister, Chairman

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The formal AGM followed and our treasurer Tony Mullins presented PBHA accounts. Committee roles were re-elected and are listed below

Yvonne Hartwell has stepped down as social secretary and the role has been filled by Lizzie Manetta. Yvonne was thanked for her past efforts and remains on the committee.

BL presented his chairman's report and explained that this year's rent increase was set in a five year plan devised by the previous administration. He felt that waiting list applicants need to be aware of the current rent structure as time is wasted offering vacant huts to those unwilling to pay the rates. He referred to the lack of parking space at Branksome Chine since Rockwater opened and BCP's plan to sell off part of Beach Road car park will further limit availability in the area. The remaining car park needs work to improve access and signage.

Questions from the floor followed and these are recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Jacqueline Wood reported that 141 tenancies were relinquished by 1st March and 67 new tenancies had been accepted.

The minutes of the meeting can be found on our website www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk

Rockwater construction site - Sandbanks Beach



The new restaurant is scheduled to open early summer

Pictures taken 6th April



Good to see fixed soap dispensers finally installed at Sandbanks toilets

PBHA Social Evening 24th June - Tickets on sale now!



This year's BBQ evening is to be held at the Branksome Dene Community Room on **24th June** make sure you keep the date free.

Tickets are £16.50 per person including tea/ coffee.

Numbers will be limited to 60 people to avoid additional cost of hiring a marquee.

Don't forget to please bring your own drinks.

Tickets from Social Secretary, Lizzie Manetta please email <u>lizzie.manetta@yahoo.co.uk</u> with your name and the number of tickets required.

Please pay £16.50 per ticket directly to PBHA bank account - Sort Code: 775024 Account: 32480860 if possible.

Tickets will be distributed on the night - Raffle prizes always welcome, thank you!

A host of events this summer



Beach Polo

SandPolo will be a two day event on 12/13th July at Sandbanks Beach.

Sandfest - 14th July



What's On locally

Summer Spectacular Fireworks finale

With family street entertainment on Poole Quay every Thursday in August

Every Tuesday from 16 April

Dream Machines weekly bike meet evenings on Poole Quay (supported by Poole Quay businesses)



May 18/19

RNLI 200th anniversary weekend festival

West Quay Road (road closure in place)

Demonstrations, interactive workshops, live music, refreshment stalls

June

15th Harry Paye Day - Poole Quay 1pm -7pm July



26/28th Poole Harbour Festival - Baiter Park

Committee elected for 2024

Chairman: Bob Lister Vice Chairman: Janet Coy Treasurer: Tony Mullins Secretary: Vacant Social Secretary: Lizzie Manetta Newsletter editor: Julie Snow Ordinary members: Cheryl Atterton, Yvonne Hartwell



Another Rockwater snack Shack appears to be under construction at the east of Sandbanks Pavilion

A reminder - Your £5 subs for 2024 are due now!

Our treasurer Tony Mullins would like to remind those members who have not yet renewed their annual subs that they are now due for this year. You do risk being removed from our mailing list if payment is overlooked.

Please contact Tony by email <u>tmullins196@gmail.com</u>, with your name, home address, most importantly your hut number and location and email address.

Please send a BACS transfer to the Poole Beach Huts Association account with Lloyds Bank.

New members are always welcomed so please encourage new and neighbouring tenants to join us.

Sort Code: 775024 Account : 32480860.

For more information about the Association visit www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk or contact



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